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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Reforming The UC

MR Brook Bernacchi will probably capture a substantial measure of public sympathy for his efforts to obtain financial powers for the Urban Council and his proposals to reform its constitution. He is advocating three innovations: firstly, that the Urban Council should have control of revenue raised from rates, licences and other fees; secondly, to enlarge the number of elected councillors from two to six; thirdly, to consider measures for enlarging the electoral register. In presenting these measures for debate, Mr Bernacchi is fulfilling part of the Reform Club's programme which it advocated during the recent Urban Council election campaign, and it can be regarded as indicative of the serious intentions of the Club that their principal nominee has lost no time in bringing forward these issues.

THE motion providing the Urban Council with financial independence is expected to be debated this afternoon, and it will be of interest to see how many members of the Council are prepared to advance definite views on the subject. The opportunity exists for a lively and informative exchange of opinions. To the Council the subject of possessing funds for administration in the interests of the public is of prime importance, and Mr Bernacchi's proposal is particularly intriguing in that, if approved, it will cut across long-established policy of all official income being placed to general revenue for subsequent disbursement as approved by the Financial Secretary and the Treasury. The official attitude to the proposition cannot be anticipated, but we imagine Urban Council members generally will view it with sympathy, probably with enthusiasm. In principle alone, it is proper that the Council should have revenue at its command for carrying out what it is satisfied are necessary undertakings.

OF the two other motions which Mr Bernacchi intends to introduce at a later date, that referring to the enfranchising of women on Class 2 of the Jurors Lists can hardly meet with opposition, official or otherwise. Government may consider the proposal to reconstitute the Council with six elected members as rather too rapidly progressive, but again, in principle, it can hardly raise serious objections to the suggestion. While it is true the electoral roll is extremely limited and is scarcely representative of all sections of the community, it is equally pertinent to observe that the functions and status of the Urban Council are also limited. These functions, however, directly affect the daily lives of the Colony generally, and on these grounds, alone the request for the Urban Council to possess an elected majority does not appear to be extravagant. The Council's stiffest hurdle, however, is to secure Government approval of the proposal to delegate financial powers. If this can be accomplished, the other reforms will become virtually automatic.

### Inebriated Cows

Bombay, June 16. Cows were said to have "danced" about their field near here after drinking large quantities of illicit liquor dumped in a ditch by a raiding Police party. One cow which fell asleep could not be roused until a bucket of cold water was thrown over it. — Reuters.

## Swedes Stone Russian Embassy In Stockholm

### HOSTILE REACTIONS TO ATTACK ON PLANE

Stockholm, June 16.

Radio police cars were rushed to the Soviet Embassy tonight to restrain angry crowds who began to stone the building in protest against the shooting down by Soviet fighters of a Swedish Air Force Catalina rescue plane over the Baltic early today.

The cars reinforced police guarding the building, armed with pistols and swords. The stoning climaxed daylong demonstrations.

Captain Sven Goesta Toerngren, 34-year-old Commander of the Catalina, said over the telephone from Hanko, Finland: "We were miles away from Russian territorial waters. The two Russians swooped down on us unexpectedly and fired rounds of machine-gun bullets at us."

"The Catalina reeled like a boxer taking a punch, but kept flying," he said.

"We tried to get away, but the Russians were four times as fast as we. And, of course, they could manoeuvre better. We were a sitting bird for them. They wheeled away and then came back six times more in attacks lasting about ten minutes."

He said their last salvo hit the port motor, setting it in flames. The aircraft began to lose height and became hard to manoeuvre.

"As we sank down towards the water," one of the MIG's peeped over our tail as if to make sure we were finished," Captain Toerngren said.

"We steered towards a small ship which proved to be the German steamer Muensterland. The Russians did not seem interested in her. We were obviously their target."

#### DRAMATIC MOMENT

"Some of us held our breath as the plane hit the water. Luckily it did not break up. We threw out the lifeboats and swam to a rubber raft we had dropped. We climbed on, helping up two members of the crew wounded in the arm and the thigh. The Muensterland dove to and picked us up within five minutes."

Asked why the Catalina was silent after sending out her three dramatic calls, he said: "The second shower of bullets put the radio out of action."

One member of the crew of the downed plane was detained in hospital in Hanko with a thigh wound. It became known here tonight.

The Swedish Defence Minister and high Service chiefs flew into Stockholm tonight and are believed to have been recalled by Premier Tage Erlander for consultation.

The Defence Minister, Mr Torsten Nilsson, with the armed forces, General Nils Svedlin, and the Defence Staff Chief, General Joachim Aakerman, arrived from Lulea, north Sweden.

They were met at the airport by General Bengt Nordenskiöld, Air Force Commander-in-Chief. — Reuters.

### Proposed S'pore Memorial To Late King George

Singapore, June 17.

Some of Singapore's leading residents, including many Chinese, intend formally to propose to the Governor that a modern polytechnic be established in the Colony as a memorial to the late King George VI.

The establishment of such a polytechnic in Singapore has long been advocated to meet the Colony's educational problems.

Mr Yap Pheng Geck, City Councillor, was quoted by the Singapore Standard as saying a polytechnic would be the most suitable memorial for the late King because it would not only afford increased educational facilities but would also indirectly assist in the economic development of this country. — Reuters.

### Germ Warfare Charges

### MALIK CALLS UN MEETING

United Nations, June 16.

Russia's Jacob Malik today summoned a session of the United Nations Security Council for Wednesday to discuss Communist germ warfare charges.

Mr Malik summoned the session in his capacity as President of the 11-nation group for June. It was his first move since assuming the chairmanship after he had fought a bitter but futile campaign to have the issue discussed before the UN 12-member Disarmament Commission.

The United Nations Department of Security Council Affairs had no definite information immediately on Mr Malik's plan for the meeting.

However, the Soviet delegation confirmed that Mr Malik had called the session and the agenda would be "germ warfare," but for further information the Russian delegation's spokesman referred inquiries to the United Nations.

#### "NEW FORUM"

The United States Ambassador, Mr Ernest Gross, acting United States representative, issued late in the afternoon a statement charging that Mr Malik's move was intended "to continue in a new forum the campaign of lies which charges that the United Nations is employing bacteria in Korea."

Mr Gross' statement said, "The Soviet resolution speaks of the Geneva protocol of 1925 on bacteriological warfare, but it is obvious that the purpose is to continue in a new forum the campaign of lies which charges that the United Nations is employing bacteria in Korea. Soviet leaders are trying to exploit whatever propaganda remains in these false charges. We welcome an opportunity to show up against the Soviet falsehoods." — United Press.

### Dramatic Experience For Tight-Rope Acrobats

London, June 16.

Three Spanish acrobats balanced themselves nearly 51 feet above the ground from a slack tight rope for 20 minutes today—two of them hanging upside down—before they could be rescued.

The acrobats, Miguel, aged 38, Rafael 36, and Sebastian, 26, who have performed before General Franco, had just opened their first show in Britain at the Battersea Festival Gardens here. Miguel had ridden a bicycle across a tight rope 90 feet long stretched between two 51 foot high poles. His companions were hanging downwards from trapezes attached to the wheels. On the return journey, as Miguel was back-peddalling, the rope went slack.

The three artists remained perfectly motionless while they called for help in Spanish.

## Wave Of Resistance By East Germans

Berlin, June 16.

Allied intelligence officials said today that the East German authorities have appealed to Soviet Army units to aid their own security forces to quell a wave of resistance sweeping the Soviet zone.

Refugees said that the closing of regions bordering Western Germany and the drive for remilitarisation had roused resistance among East Germans to its highest pitch since 1945. They said that throughout East Germany security Police stood on guard at all main stations, watching for travellers to Berlin. Those without Government authorisation to visit the capital were either arrested or warned against the attempt.

According to these reports many East Germans along the frontier with West Germany are disobeying evacuation orders.

In the provinces of Thuringia, Saxony-Anhalt and Mecklenburg, East German Police are said to have forcibly evacuated people from a three-mile no-man's-land alongside the frontier. Workers in Saxony-Anhalt towns were said to have downed tools as a protest.

Allied sources said that so far Soviet troops had not been involved in quelling the discontent. They believed that the Occupation forces would only be used if scattered resistance showed signs of threatening Soviet lines of communications. They estimated that 50,000 armed Police were at present handling the situation in the three frontier provinces.

Hundreds of arrests were reported by refugees to have been made and many men and women injured by swinging Police rifle-butts. But reports of pitched battles between the Police and evacuees were not confirmed by Allied officials here.

The latest contingent of East German refugees to reach Berlin said that police resistance plans was also increasing.

Some parents and young people were said to have been arrested in Dresden and members of the Communist-led Free German Youth (FDJ) who did not volunteer were dishonorably discharged from the organisation, one report said. They would lose food ration and work cards.

The postal service between East and West Berlin today ran normally after a dispute last Saturday when East German security Police stopped a mail van and searched it.

WARNING The East German Premier, Otto Grotewohl, said today that his Government's first task will be to set up a National Army.

He told a convention at Leipzig, according to the East German news agency ADN, "Serious, inexorable political actions must now take the place of political declarations."

The East German parties, united in the "democratic bloc" had agreed to this policy in a resolution adopted last week and to be published tomorrow, Dr Grotewohl added.

He cited part of the resolution as reading, "We must be prepared to meet the Western aggressors with the rifle in our hand."

### 'Quakes Destroy Villages

Buenos Aires, June 16.

Hundreds of refugees are flocking to the city of San Juan, West Argentina, from neighbouring villages destroyed in earthquakes during the past week.

The tremors today decreased in intensity. Heavy snow has hampered rescue work in San Juan which itself suffered from earthquakes last week. — Reuters.

## TRAM DERAILMENT IN THE CITY



### Stones And Fist Fights At Meeting

Johannesburg, June 16.

About 30 people were taken to hospital after fist fights and stone throwing at a United Democratic Front meeting at Vrededorp, a Johannesburg suburb, tonight.

The meeting, which was organised by the United Democratic Front (the United Party, the Labour Party and the Torch Commando), was attended by about 2,000 members of the front, mainly Torchmen.

They marched in procession to an open space in Vrededorp, a working district.

When speakers addressed the crowd, sporadic stone throwing began.

Torchmen then marched six abreast into the area of a large crowd from which the stones were coming. This was the signal for an outbreak of fist fights and stone throwing became heavy.

Torch Commando members, escorted by police, marched back to the car park where they had first formed up before marching to the meeting. There was stone throwing all the way back. — Reuters.

### Strike Brings Chaos To NY

New York, June 16.

Masses of suburbanites were stranded by a sudden strike on America's largest commuter railway on Monday and they choked New York City's turnpikes and tunnels in one of the greatest traffic jams in the city's history.

Officials of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers halted trains on the Long Island Railway, which hauls 800,000 persons daily, and threatened walk-outs on 63 other railways across the United States.

Officers of the bankrupt railway and some 350 striking engineers sought today to settle their dispute under the auspices of National mediators, but the talks collapsed after three hours and forty minutes, leaving thousands of commuters who had already been late to work fighting through a mass of honking automobiles and jammed buses to get home again. — United Press.

### STOP PRESS

### A Third Tram Derailed

A third tram (see story above) became derailed at the same spot shortly after midday.

The car managed to right itself by reversing.

Tram Company officials and engineers continued to be on hand to direct trams at the point.

### Protection For Commuters

London, June 16.

The British Government today forbade the state road and rail services to impose steep increases on season tickets and fares for early morning travellers.

But the general level of fares is to rise on September 1 to meet increased costs.

The British Transport Tribunal decided this spring to raise prices of the special cheap tickets out of all proportion to the general rise. Out of town residents and early workers blamed the Government, though the tribunal had hitherto fixed fares free from Government intervention.

In April the Government ordered a halt of fare increases until experts had reviewed the situation. But in the London area fares had already gone up.

The Transport Minister, Mr Lennox Boyd, told the House of Commons today that ordinary fares would go up throughout Britain except London — on September 1. But cheap "privilege" tickets would only be raised by the same amount as other fares.

In London, where the higher scale is already in operation, "privilege" fares will then be reduced.

The concessions will cost £2,000,000 a year. — Reuters.

### Col Hodgson's New Appointment

Canberra, June 16.

External Affairs Minister Richard Casey announced on Monday the appointment of Col. William R. Hodgson as Australian High Commissioner to South Africa.

Since 1949, Hodgson has been in Tokyo as British Commonwealth representative on the Allied Council for Japan and head of the Australian mission to Japan. — United Press.

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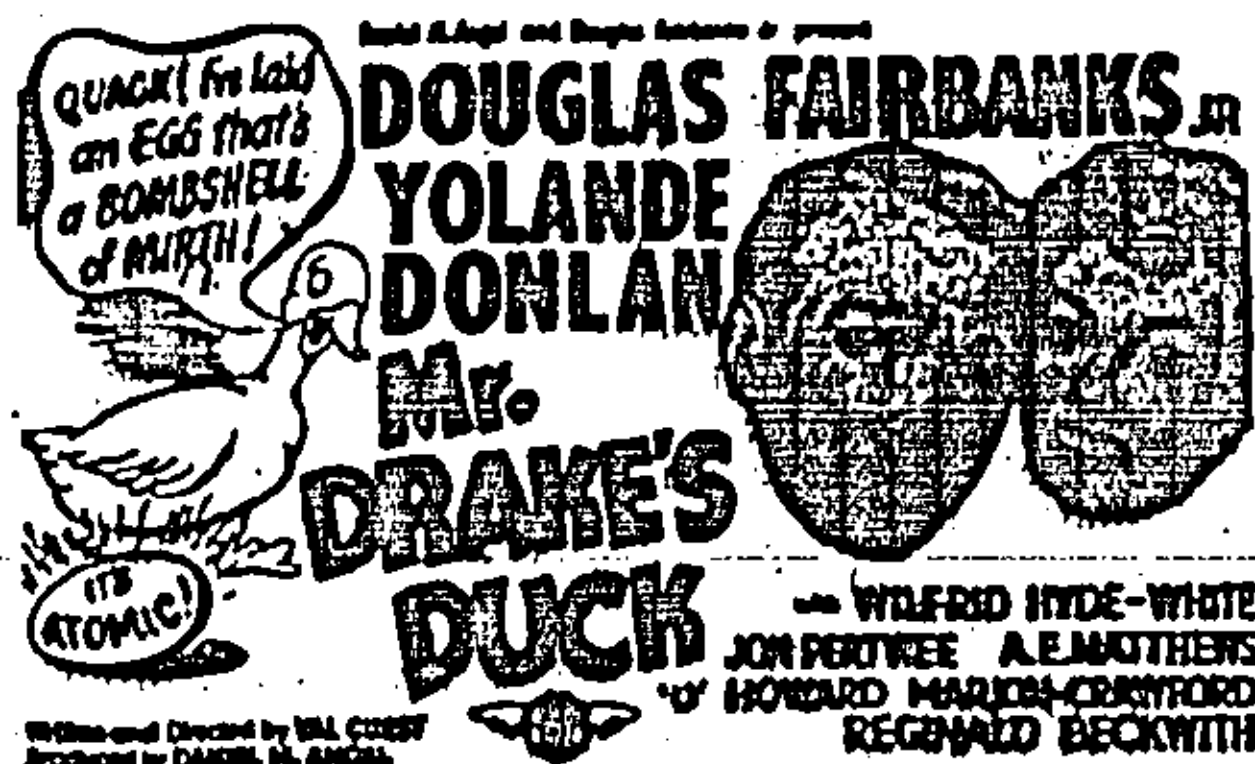
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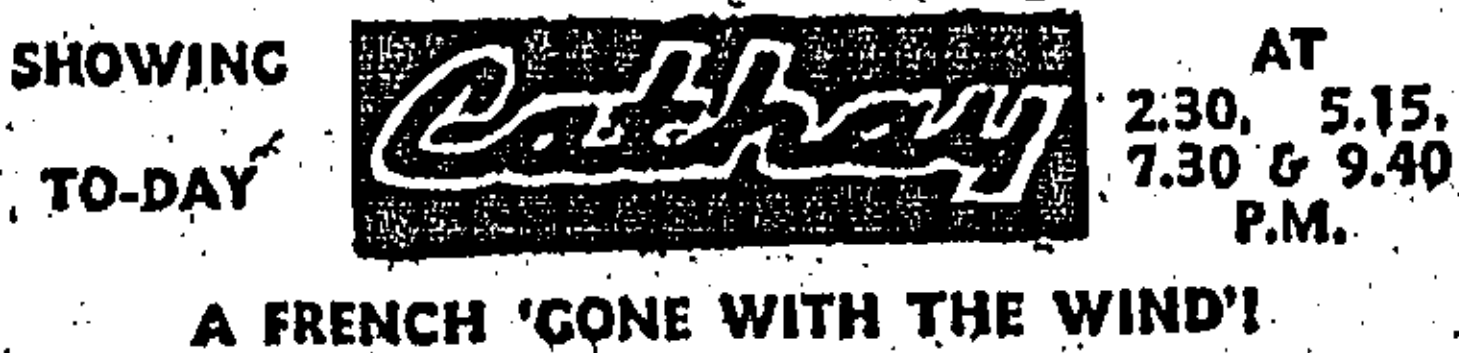
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year-old son, John, when he was seeing for the first time,  
when he arrived home from the Far East recently. Serg.  
Neave had spent the last year in Korea and returned home on  
the Empire Trooper.

## Churchill Refuses To Be Drawn On Subject Of Korea

London, June 16.

The Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, was urged in the House of Commons to call President Syngman Rhee's "bluff" in Korea but he was non-committal.

Mr Woodrow Wyatt, (Labour) said it was clear that President Rhee was doing all he could to prevent the United Nations from ensuring the democratic working of the Constitution in South Korea.

"We must call his bluff," he said. The British Government ought to take the initiative in seeing that for the period of the election for the National Assembly he was "put out of the way."

Members of the Korean Parliament, who had been arrested or forced to flee, could then be allowed to return to their seats in a constitutional manner "free from duress and the President."

Mr Churchill replied, "I think the official report (of British parliamentary proceedings) will enable your solution of this question to be placed on record and given full publicity."

Sir Herbert Williams (Conservative) asked what responsibility the British Prime Minister had for the Government of South Korea.

CERTAIN RIGHT  
Mr Churchill replied, "I think we went in wholeheartedly and unitedly with the Americans



18. W. THE MAGIC DOW.  
19. T. Captain Horatio Hornblower  
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## Eisenhower Prepares For Burst Of Campaigning

New York, June 16.

General Eisenhower today flew to Denver, Colorado, to open his political headquarters.

He spent the day quietly in preparation for a three-week burst of campaigning right up to the opening of the Republican Convention on July 7.

General Eisenhower promised today at a meeting with editors that, if elected President, he would seek the "finest brains" in the country to help solve America's problems.

The influential Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers today shared support for General Eisenhower. The decision was reached by a vote of the editors.

The World Telegram and Sun, the chief New York paper of the chain, said: "He seems to meet the need of the hour best. He may not know too much about politics, but he knows a lot about what is good for the country."

"He has the dynamic leadership which can bring us together again and inspire new faith."

Mr Averell Harriman, Mutual Security Director, conferred today with President Truman.

Asked if he considered what the President said to be an endorsement of his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination, Mr Harriman replied: "No, he simply encouraged me."

Mr Harriman added: "I am the only one who has come out four square on all the issues in support of the New Deal and the Fair Deal."

In Atlanta, Georgia, State Democratic leaders are today choosing delegates to cast 28 votes at their national convention. They are expected to support Senator Russell, the "Southern" candidate.

Georgia Democrats instructed their delegates to vote for Senator Russell. They were also told to "fight to the last for the rights of Georgia and the South."

This could leave the way open for a breakaway if the National Party in Chicago nominated a candidate unacceptable to the South.—Reuter.

### "IRE" FAVOURED

New York, June 16. Look magazine's poll of Democratic and Republican County chairmen showed today that they believed that General Dwight Eisenhower and Senator Estes Kefauver will be presidential nominees and that General Eisenhower will win the election.

In the same issue, the playwright, Robert Sherwood, predicted that General Douglas MacArthur might create such a stir in the event of a de-facto Republican national convention that a compromise candidate might be named and promote the prospects for another Democratic victory.

The magazine polled 8,744 County chairmen by a mailed questionnaire and received answers from 1,319 Republicans and 1,189 Democrats.

It noted that 44 percent of the Democratic replies and 34 percent of the Republican ones came from the South.

All the tabulated replies were made before General Eisenhower returned to the United States as an active candidate.

### REPUBLICAN BELIEF

Look said that the County Chairmen's own preferences showed that Senator Robert Taft was the favorite Republican candidate and that the Governor of Illinois, Mr Adlai Stevenson, was "barely trailing" Senator Kefauver with the Democrats.

The poll showed that the Republicans believed that either Senator Taft or General Eisenhower could win over Mr Stevenson, Senator Kefauver or Senator Richard Russell.

Democrats believed that General Eisenhower could beat any of the three Democrats named but that Senator Taft could beat none of them.—United Press.

### Protectionists Get Snubbed

Washington, June 16.

The United States Tariff Commission today rejected an application for increased tariffs on imported motorcycles and motorcycle spare parts.

A majority report issued by the Commission said the imports were not coming into the United States in such increased quantities as to cause or threaten serious injury to the domestic motorcycle industry.

Two members of the Commission, in a minority report, dissented, saying remedial action against imports of motorcycles should have been recommended to the President.—Reuter.

## New Soviet Manoeuvre To Be Resisted

United Nations, June 16.

The Soviet move in the United Nations to place Soviet charges of germ warfare in Korea on the Security Council agenda is expected to be strongly resisted by the Western Powers.

The Soviet Union today called for a meeting of the Security Council to discuss the subject. The President of the Council this month is Mr Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate.

The Soviet delegation has made repeated attempts to have the matter discussed in the Disarmament Commission, but has generally been ruled out of order.

The United States and other Western Powers have already stated their willingness to have the charges investigated by a neutral commission.

The Soviet charges have so far been based on statements by Chinese and North Korean Communist sources and on the "evidence" of a group of lawyers, mostly affiliated to Communist organizations, who allegedly investigated the charges on the spot.

THE RESOLUTION  
The Soviet Union's resolution, submitted for discussion by the Security Council follows:

"1.—Having regard to the fact that differences of opinion exist among statesmen and public figures in various countries concerning the admissibility of using bacteriological weapons;

"2.—Noting that the use of bacteriological weapons had justly been condemned by world public opinion, as expressed in the signature by 42 States of the Geneva Protocol of June 17, 1925, which provides for the prohibition of the use of bacteriological weapons;

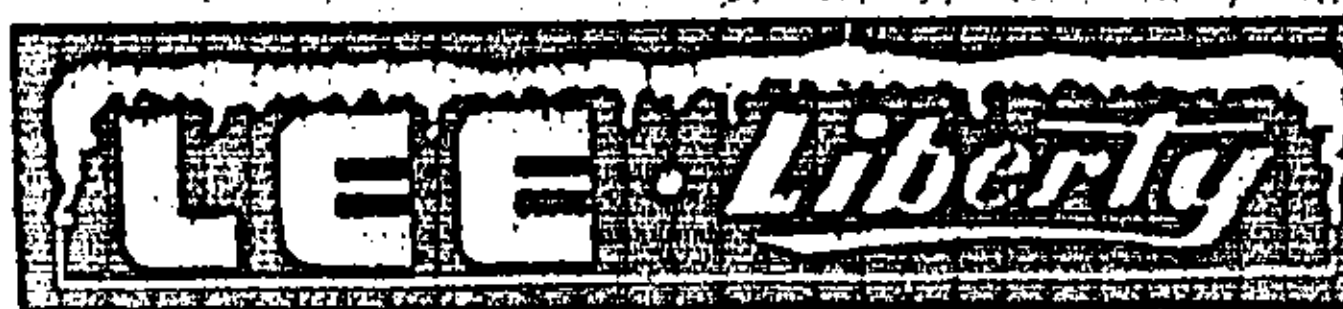
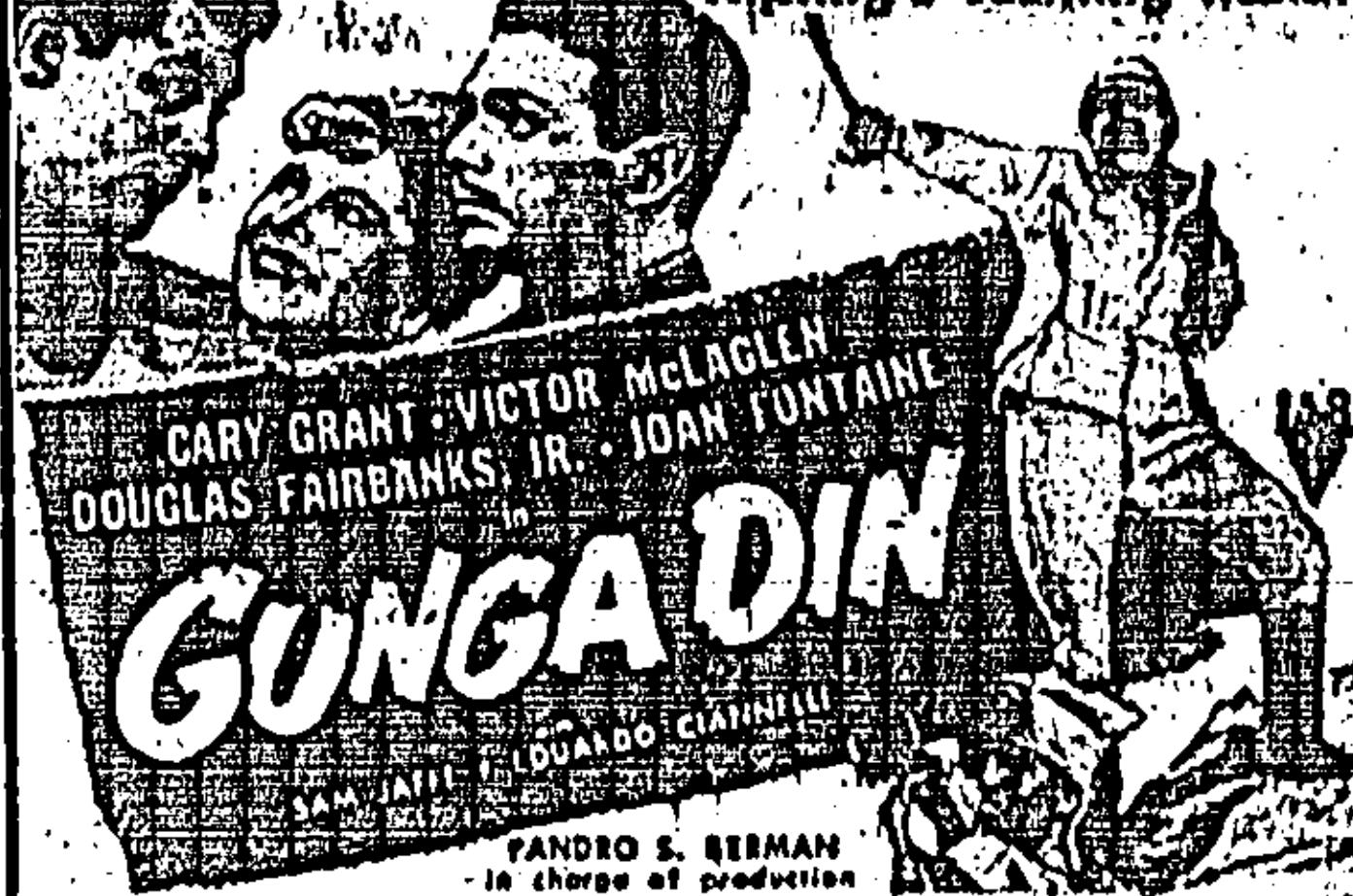
"The Security Council decides to appeal to all States, both members of the United Nations and non-member States, which have not yet ratified or acceded to the protocol for the prohibition of the use of bacteriological weapons, signed at Geneva on June 17, 1925, to accede to and ratify the said protocol."—Reuter.

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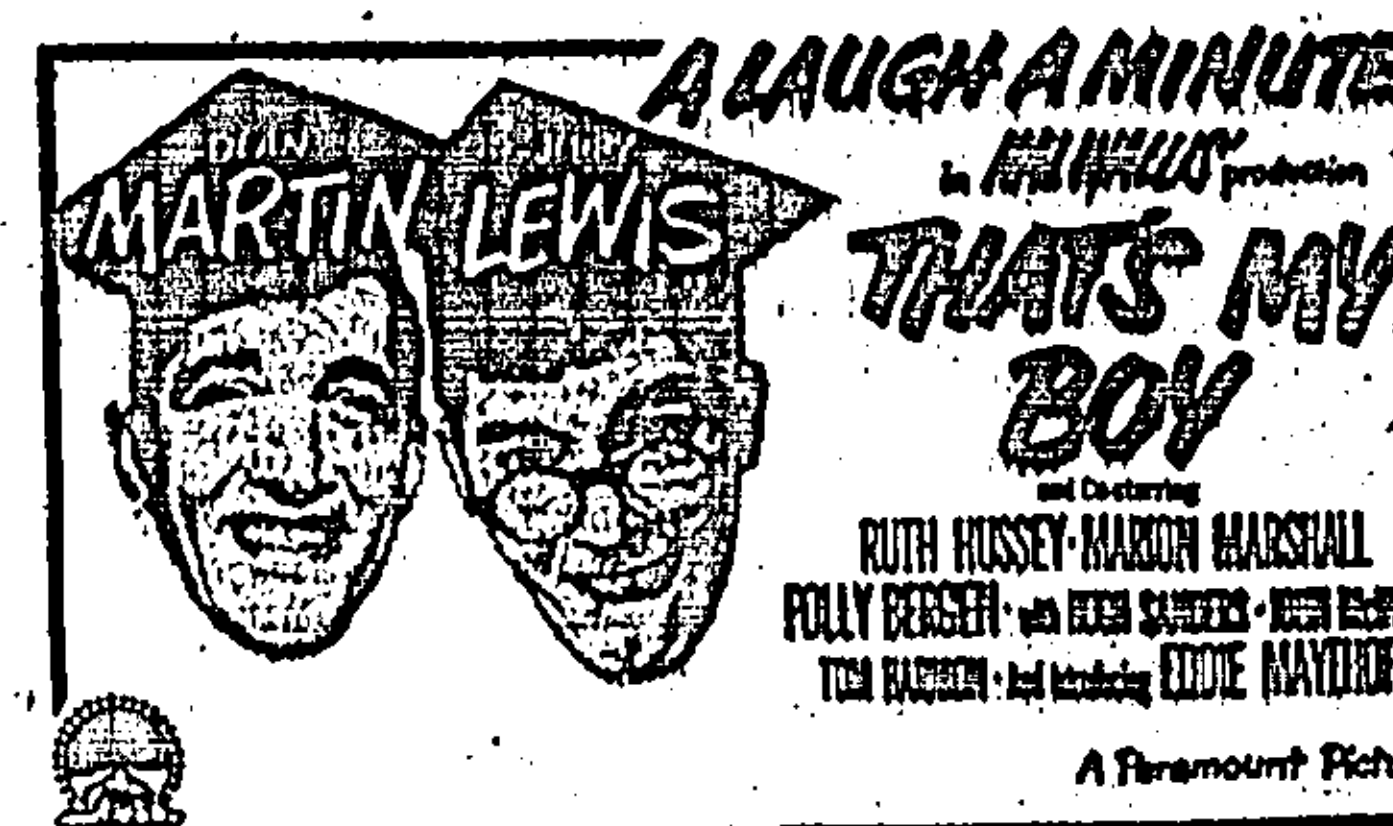
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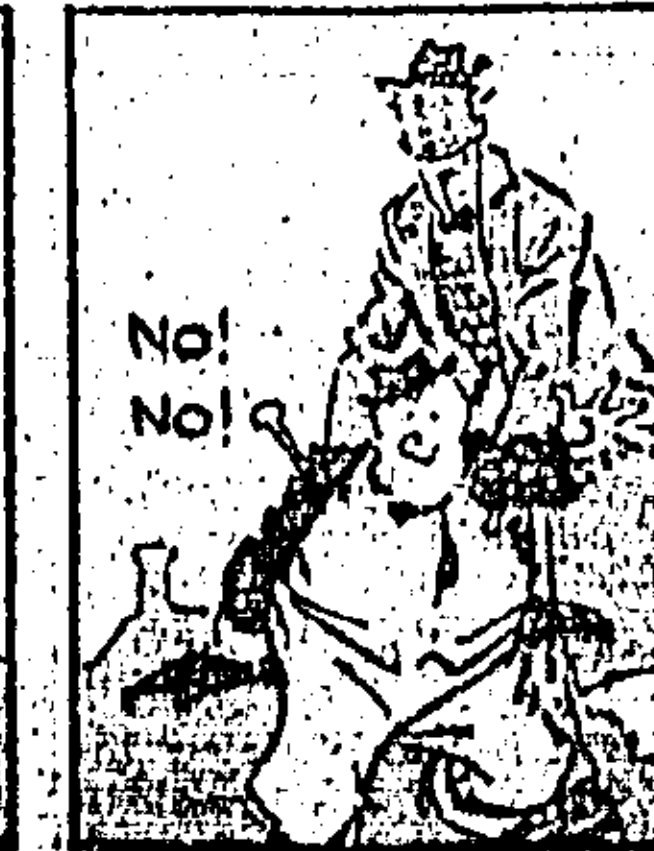
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# AMERICA AGREES TO HOLD MEETING ON GERMAN ISSUE

## Talks On An Ambassadorial Level To Be Suggested

Paris, June 16. The United States has accepted British and French recommendations for a four-Power meeting with the Soviet Union at Ambassadorial level.

The Western reply to the latest Soviet note on Germany will contain the suggestion that the meeting should take place in the near future to discuss the setting up of a neutral commission to inquire into conditions for holding free elections in East and West Germany.

French officials said that American reluctance, expressed last week at a meeting of officials of the three Governments to make such a proposal the basis of the Western reply to the Soviet Union, has been overcome.

It had earlier been reported from London that work on a new three-Power note to the Soviet Union had for the moment been transferred from Paris to Washington.

Washington representatives of the three Powers are now studying proposals put forward by both the United States and Britain.

The position, it is believed in Paris, was discussed at a private lunch given in London today by the French Ambassador, M. René Massigli, for the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

Britain is believed to be anxious to overcome any divergence of views between herself and France on the one hand and the United States on the other on the desirability of including an invitation to an early four-Power conference on the new Western note.

Britain, it is believed in Paris, would be willing to attend a four-Power meeting—but only if the Soviet Government gives satisfactory replies on points affecting the holding of free elections throughout Germany.

It still remains doubtful whether the Western reply will be sent to Moscow before the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, visits London for three-Power talks next week. — Reuter.

### REVISION ISSUE

Frankfurt, June 16. West German politicians will soon begin their biggest post-war campaign to revise the present frontier between East Germany and Poland following the end of the Western Occupation, independent observers here expect.

Demand for revision of what is popularly called the Oder-Neisse line are expected to be linked with another German campaign for a return of the Saar to German control.

The formal incorporation of West Germany into the Western group of nations and her rearmament with them will give powerful stimulus to the leaders of all the main political parties

to press these major aims of German foreign policy. Barring any agreement among Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union on uniting the two parts of Germany, the present West German Parliament has only a little over a year to run.

Federal elections are due in the summer of 1953. The parties are already beginning to prepare for them. One of the main targets for their propaganda is the 9,000,000-odd refugees and expellees from former German territories beyond the rivers Oder and Neisse, from the Baltic to the Czechoslovak frontier, and from East European countries.

**POWERFUL PARTY**  
The refugee party, Block der Heimatvertriebenen und Entrechteten (BHE), has, in its short political life, won nearly 2,000,000 votes in State and other local elections in West Germany. Apart from seeking social justice, which they have already secured through the "Equalization of Burdens" bill just passed by the West German Parliament, the refugees' main aim is revision of the Oder-Neisse line.

Their leaders speak of peaceful revision though many party members believe that revision will only come through war. Nevertheless, the refugees put social justice before rearmament. Most of the expellees, and certainly those from the former German territories now administered by Poland and the Soviet Union, dream only of returning to their former homes.

No major party in West Germany can afford to ignore these people. The refugee party is expected to make a powerful showing in next year's election. All the main parties, except the Communists, are united in demanding that the frontier be changed.

**TRUMP CARD?**  
The Oder-Neisse Line was established under the Potsdam agreement of July 1945, signed by Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union. But the Potsdam declarations said that the final frontier should be subject to settlement in the Peace Treaty.

In a recent exchange of notes with the Western Powers on how to reunite Germany, the Russians made it clear that they regarded the present frontier as fixed. The Communists in East and West Germany claim that only a new world war could change it.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the Russians regard eventual revision of the frontier as a "trump card" in the struggle between the Communist and non-Communist powers to include Germany in their sphere of influence.

Observers here note that the Communists, who, like the Western Allies, for years preached the total disarmament of Germany, switched overnight to advocacy of an independent German national army in an attempt to persuade Germany to accept the principle that only a strong army could bring about a settlement of the dispute to be started out of court.

He also answered Persia's contention that Britain had not used all the local remedies before taking the case to the International Court.

Apart from the fact that this had nothing to do with the question of the jurisdiction of the Court, he said, it must also be noted that the effect of the Nationalization Law of May 1, 1951, was to prevent any return to the Persian situation to obtain compensation. — Reuter.

## Rescue Trains Trapped By Heavy Snowfall

Buenos Aires, June 16. Three emergency trains were today reported to have been trapped by snow when going to the aid of a fourth train blocked in Patagonia, about 100 miles south-west of here.

A radio message from the first convoy stated that four passengers who tried to break through the snow are missing.

Blankets and food have been dropped by air to the stranded trains.

The first train was blocked in the Comodoro Rivadavia territory. — Reuter.

## British Argument At Hague

The Hague, June 16. Sir Eric Beckett, legal adviser to the British Foreign Office, told the International Court today that there was no question of Britain's abandoning her oil claim against Persia and negotiating direct with the Government there, in view of past experience.

For several hours Sir Eric argued against the Persian case that Britain had first accepted the principle of nationalisation and then withdrawn acceptance.

This assertion was disputed by Britain who, he said, had agreed for purposes of negotiation and without prejudice to accept the principle but only to enable negotiations for settlement of the dispute to be started out of court.

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## King Feisal To Visit America

Cairo, June 16. Young King Feisal of Iraq has accepted an invitation of the United States Government to spend two months in the United States next September.

The Minister said that circumstances permitting, the King would be accompanied by Prince Regent Abdulla and Prime Minister Nouri Pasha. He added that the visit was to complete the Sovereign's education and would have no political significance. — France-Press.

## Czechoslovakia Said To Be "One Forced Labour Camp"

United Nations, June 16. Mr. Jan Papanek, former chief of the Czech delegation, told the United Nations today that Czechoslovakia "is one large forced labour camp" with its industries producing weapons for the Soviet Union.

Dr. Papanek, who refused to recognize the Communist coup in 1948 and who was repudiated by the new Czech Government, made his charges at a closed meeting of the Committee of the Economic and Social Council which is considering forced labour throughout the world.

"The truth is," Dr. Papanek said on behalf of the Council of Free Czechoslovakia, "that today there is no free or voluntary labour in Czechoslovakia whatsoever."

"While there are some 350,000 forced labourers in some 247 forced labour camps in Czechoslovakia the rest of the population cannot be said to be free in any sense of the word. The country is one large labour camp."

**NO CHOICE**  
Dr. Papanek said that wages, hours, production norms and other working conditions were set by the Government and there was no choice of work in Czechoslovakia. Workers cannot refuse to "volunteer" to work without pay on Sundays, holidays, and there is not the right to strike, he said.

"The hardest physical labour is allotted to the sons and daughters of former well-to-do or well-known democratic families," he told the Committee.

Czechoslovakia's forced labour programme had a two-fold purpose.

## Plan To Solve Jordan Crisis Being Discussed

### Approach To Swiss Suggested

Amman, June 16. The Jordan Cabinet and the three-man Regency Council are now considering a three-point plan which, they hope, will finally solve the crisis caused by King Talal's illness, according to well-informed quarters here today.

The plan is:  
1.—An approach to the Swiss authorities to enlist their aid in persuading the King to enter a Swiss sanatorium and undergo a prolonged course of medical treatment.

2.—Another direct approach to the King himself, urging him to return to Jordan for medical treatment as soon as possible. The Government would prefer the King's early return, Jordan sources stated, but if he refused would urge on him yet again the necessity of his obtaining qualified medical treatment outside the country.

3.—To secure a combined report from medical experts on the King's condition by next May, when Prince Hussein, the 17-year-old heir apparent, now at school at Harrow, comes of age.

If this report indicated that the King's condition had deteriorated or shown little signs of improvement, the Government would request the neighbouring Arab States—Iraq, Egypt, Syria, Saudi Arabia and the Lebanon—to send doctors to examine the King.

**DOCTORS' REPORT**  
These doctors would keep the King under observation for a month or more.

If their reports indicated that he was still unable to take up his duties, the Government would recommend to Parliament that Prince Hussein be proclaimed either as the Sovereign or as a deputy for his father.

The Government announced today that all official celebrations and feasts to mark the end of Ramadan, which falls next Sunday, would be cancelled this year because of the King's illness.

The announcement called on Muslims to observe throughout the country to offer prayers for the speedy recovery of the King and added that the Government prayed for the early return of the King and the restoration of his health. — Reuter.

**NAIF IN LONDON**  
The Emir Naif, brother of King Talal of Jordan, arrived here by air tonight from Geneva.

Officials of the Jordan-Legation said that he is expected to remain for only a couple of days to see his schoolboy son at Harrow.

The Emir said at the airport that he gave no news about whether the King is to return to Amman.

"I spoke to him for about an hour and a quarter. We chatted as brother to brother. During our conversation he did not indicate whether he would be returning to Jordan."

The Foreign Office's spokesman said that nothing had pre-

## Reds' Latest Fantasy

Rome, June 16. Following today's Police precautions on the occasion of the visit of General Matthew B. Ridgway, NATO Supreme Commander, to Rome, the Communist labour leader, Giuseppe Di Vittorio, protested in Parliament against the refusal by the Police to allow the people to show their desire for peace.

Signor Di Vittorio said, "We demand that the people's right to protest against the visit of this infamous General be acknowledged."

"If the Italian people were allowed to demonstrate their desire for peace and if this desire was noted by Ridgway, it would be a great service rendered to humanity."

The Communist leader, Signor Togliatti, is due to speak in Parliament tomorrow. — Reuter.

**101 DETAINED**  
Police tonight held 101 people, all stated to be Italian Communist Party members, for demonstrating and scattering leaflets against the visit of General Ridgway to Naples on Tuesday. — Reuter.

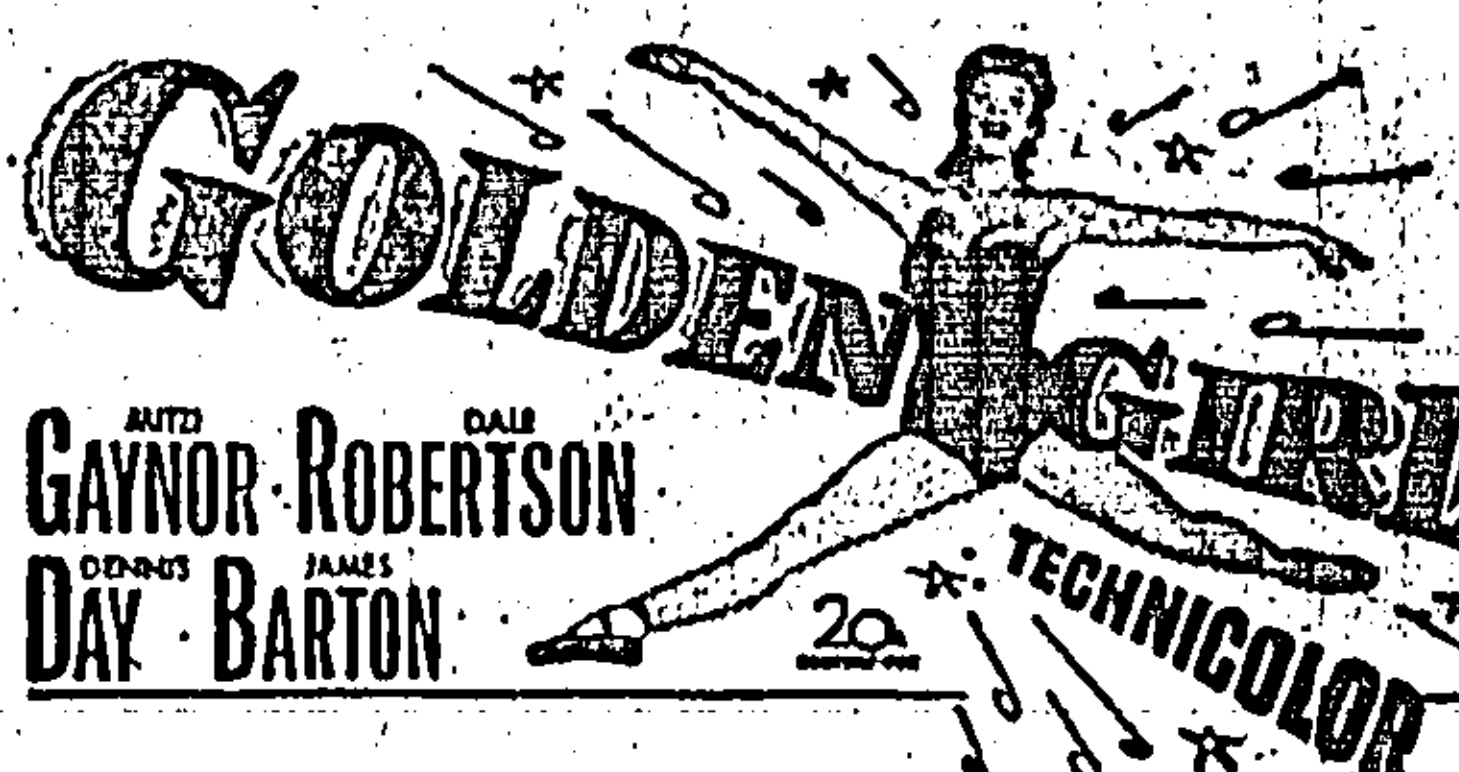
## BERLIN EXPECTS VISITORS

Berlin, June 16. More than 1,000,000—tourists and businessmen will visit West Berlin in 1952, the U.S. High Commissioner's office predicted today.

Despite a blockade scare in 1949, visitors totalled 86,000, more than in the same month last year. — Associated Press.

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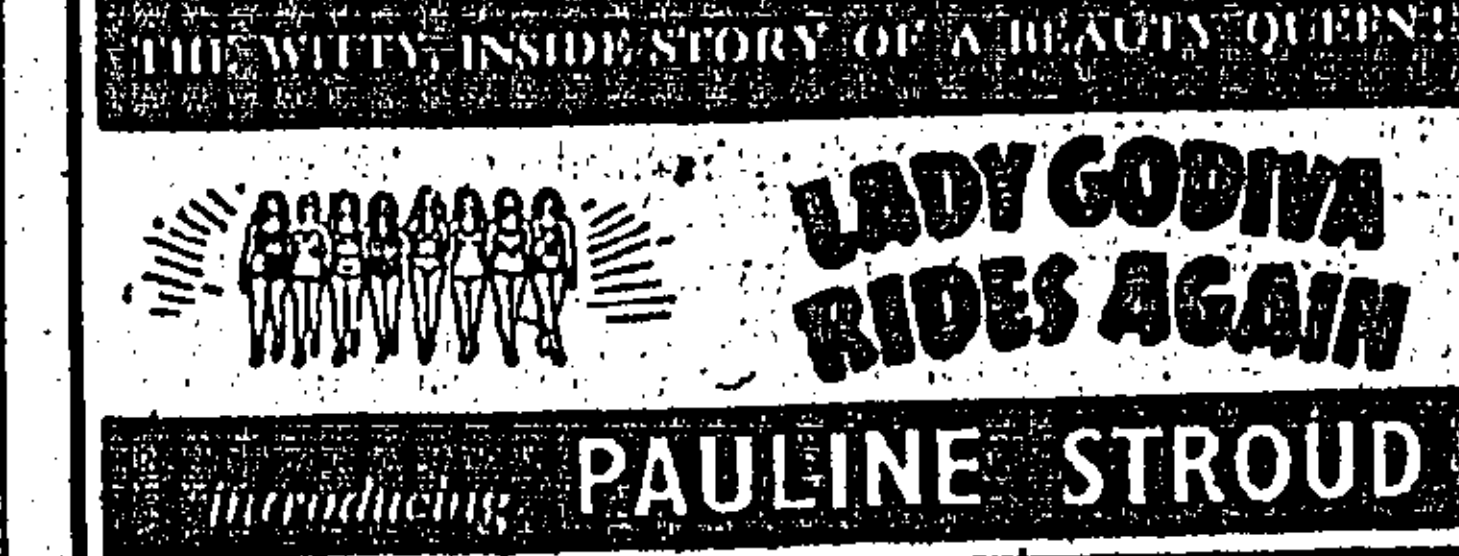


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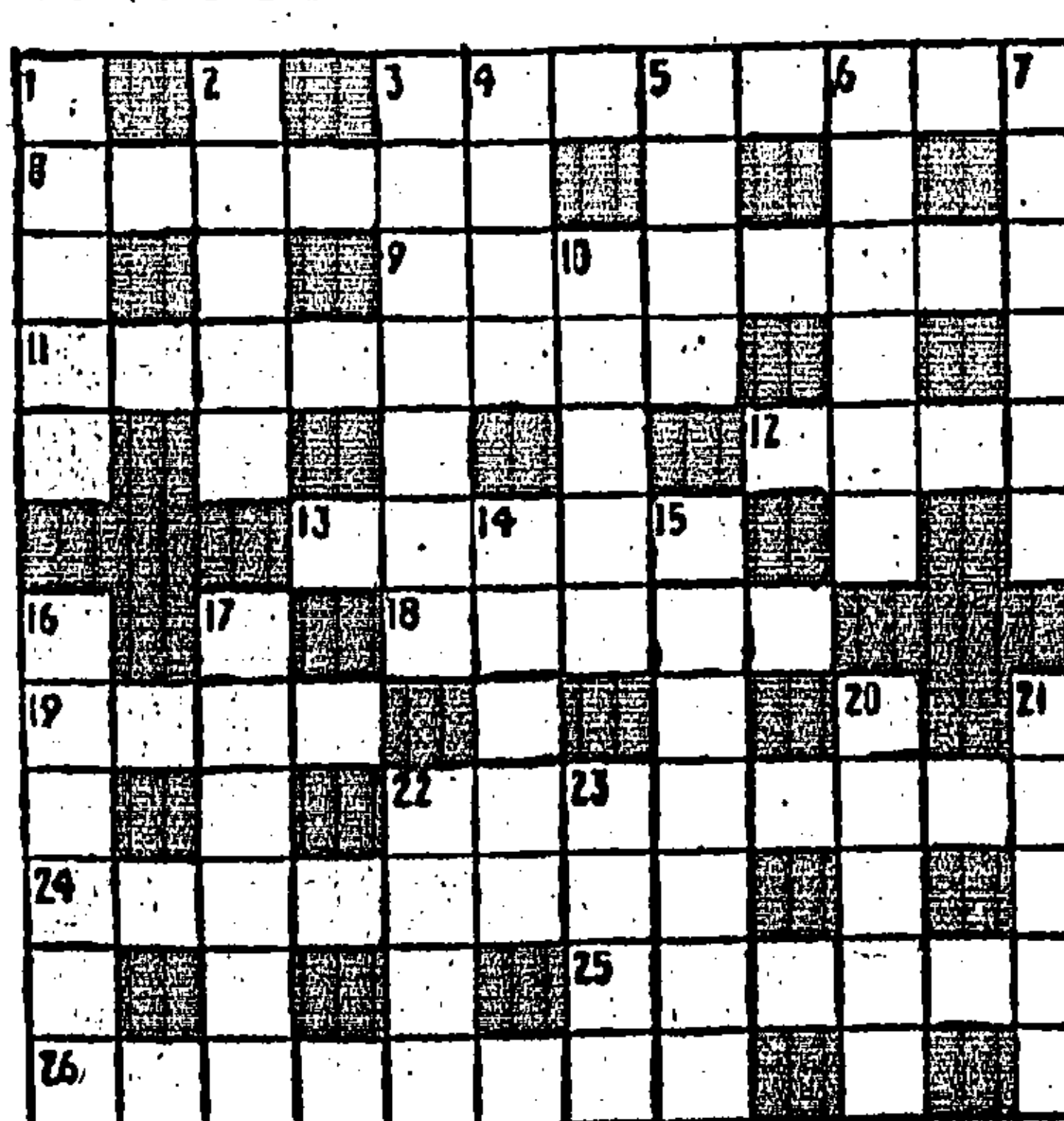
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19 Formerly (4)  
22 Insurgent (6)  
24 Suggests (6)  
25 Avar (6)  
26 Soldierly (6)

**DOWN**  
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2 Fruit (5)  
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5 Grooves (4)  
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15 Swifty (7)  
16 Gun (6)  
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REG JACKSON, of Deal, temporarily joins the peerage while he acts as a model for Miss Mary McGilchrist, who is renovating ermine last worn in 1937 at King George VI's coronation.



MRS O. BROOKMAN, whose home is at Blackheath, brushes dust off a robe which has been in store.



MR HARRY GOODMAN sorts out the swords which go with uniforms to be hired.

## WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED PEER WILL WEAR

His coronation robes may cost him £400—though he could hire them for 25 guineas. And his wife's ermine?

Well, there's always rabbit

By VIVIEN BATCHELOR

THE expense of the coronation is already looming darkly in the budgets of more than one nobleman tugging hard at the ends which steadfastly refuse to meet.

For according to tradition the peers and peeresses will supply much of the colour and splendour in Westminster Abbey with their ceremonial robes and coronets.

A peer who wishes to take his place in pre-war style—silk velvet robe trimmed with ermine over full court dress or ceremonial regimental uniform—must today be prepared to pay £400 for his outfit. But one firm in Chancery Lane hope to make a cheaper version of coronation robes—with velvet and "mock ermine" for 150 guineas.

Many peers who have inherited old titles own coronation robes which have been passed down in the family for generations, and which, smelling only slightly of moth balls, will do duty again.

Others will hire their robes for 25 guineas.

In a workroom high above the fruit burrows of Covent Garden women are working on the borrowed plumes.

The robes have been acquired by the firm from families who have disposed of them for one reason or another.

I watched them at work on robes which once belonged to a famous earl and to a viscount. Tradition on style is rigid.

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Robes must be made of crimson velvet lined with white silk or taffeta and edged with miniver. Over the shoulders is a cape "furred with miniver pure and powdered with rows and bars of ermine."

The number of rows of dots on the ermine is determined by rank. A baron has two rows, a viscount two and a half, an earl three, a marquess three and a half, a duke four.

Peeresses are allowed trains, the length varying with rank. A baroness is allowed a train one yard long, a viscountess if allowed a yard and a quarter.

A peeress's robe is made up of kirtle, train and mantle.

The kirtle is of crimson velvet bordered all round with an edging of miniver. It may open back or front, but must open from the waist and widen to the ground. The sleeves of the kirtle must not be more than 9in. long.

From them fall five leopards of varying lengths and edged with miniver and white lace.

The mantle is the dress worn under the kirtle and must be white or cream, or silver brocade.

The peer's coronet is also made strictly according to tradition and rank.

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In the workroom above "The Garden" found Mrs J. Alabaster of Barking, and Mrs Grace Lennen of Clapham, deciding how to refurbish some coronets which were showing signs of being in store. Some required new ermine, others new tassels.

A coronet must be made of gilt and silver gilt. It must be edged with ermine and the cap must be of crimson velvet with a gold tassel. Before the war a coronet cost about £25.

A duke has his coronet in the design of eight gilt strawberry leaves. An earl (according to the words laid down from ancient custom) must wear a coronet with eight silver balls on points with gold strawberry leaves between. A baron must wear a plain silver circlet with six silver balls.

Peeresses wear replicas of their husbands' coronets in miniature. A peeress's coronet is designed to fit on her head inside the tiara she wears at a coronation. Modern hair styles make this difficult.

The coronets and tiaras have to be balanced carefully on sleek short hair, and for the coronation many peeresses are likely to grow their hair to make the balance of their coronet less precarious.

No jewels are allowed on a coronet, though peeresses are encouraged to wear necklaces of pearls and diamonds.

At the last coronation many peeresses made do with velvet-velvet for their kirtles. Others, unable to afford ermine, used rabbit.

The Queen's own coronation robes are likely to be borrowed chiefly by members of the Royal School of Needlework, who were responsible for the robes worn by her father and mother at their coronation in 1937.

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THE change of ruler has brought business to sword-makers. An Acton firm is busy.

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Many swords already made will have to be altered before they are supplied to men receiving their commissions from the Queen. For a sword bears the cipher of the Sovereign who commissions the officer and the new Queen's cipher has not yet been received by the firm.

The cipher is engraved on the sword blade, and in the case of Infantry regiments is also incorporated on the guard of the hilt.

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HIGH above the fruit burrows of Covent Garden women are already working on coronation robes which will be hired by peers who do not wish to go to the expense of buying new ones. From now until the coronation many robes will be spread out in warm, dry rooms so that the folds and creases gradually fall out. Tradition on style is rigid. The number of rows of dots on the ermine is determined by rank. So is the length of a peeress's train.



ROBES and uniforms are kept in waterproof, mothproof boxes in strong rooms under the streets of Covent Garden. Each box bears a label stating what is inside.

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MRS F. G. CROSS, Mrs F. Lambert and Mrs L. Alabaster working on coronets, which must conform to a rigid pattern. On the right Grace Lennen is sewing a new label on to an earl's coronet.

## Will Comet Stir U.S. Civil Aviation Into New Action?

By BRETT OLIVER

BRITAIN'S Comet jet airliner has slipped smoothly into service between London and South Africa. In just a month, it has come to be accepted by Britons as though it had been zipping away down to Johannesburg for years. The excitement of the first few flights has gone. Pride remains. And determination to have British Comets circling the world.

That is Britain's reaction to the triumph of the Comet venture. In five years, a blueprint has developed into one of the country's brightest achievements.

Across the Atlantic, there is also reaction—a mixture of admiration for Britain and distrust at American ingenuity. Laymen Americans are trying to figure out why the United States, with its great inventive capacity and industrial resources, should be trailing behind Britain in civil aviation.

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Inside the industry itself, the experts are thinking again about commercial jets. There is self-questioning. While the Comet was still in its experimental stages, the threat to American aviation prestige did not appear so great. But the actual appearance of the jet on a world airline route has given an entirely new emphasis to America's position.

And the airline bosses are not likely to take it lying down. Already one U.S. airline is reported to be negotiating to buy Comets from Britain.

There is one snag to American buying of British aircraft. There is no international agreement between Britain and America on common safety

standards, and the United States Civil Aeronautics Administration might not issue the necessary certificates to a foreign-built airliner when the time comes. But under pressure, it is likely the Administration would yield.

Meanwhile, the American aviation industry is examining its future, with one eye cast evenly on the Comet's perfection. There is a move to begin all-out development of jets for commercial use. And there is even talk of a Government subsidy to help the industry's efforts to overhaul Britain.

Before they turn their great resources to civil jet production, the industry's experts must first decide what type of jetliner is going to serve American needs best.

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The majority of United States airlines operate almost entirely within the nation, along high-density and usually short-haul traffic routes. A straight jet, like the Comet, is an economic proposition only over long distances. American experts are puzzled even on this point. They cannot visualise the profitable operation of a plane which carries 6,000 gallons of fuel and burns it at 950 gallons to the hour.

It is unlikely America's internal airlines will plump at this stage for a straight jet airliner. But its international airline companies, notably Pan American Airways, must certainly introduce a plane of Comet capabilities if they are to make any change-over to jets at all.

Britain has struck a neat medium in its production of civil jets. And it seems the United States will have to follow much the same policy, developing turbo-prop airliners for their short-haul, high-density routes and straight jets for the long-overseas hauls.

Britain's lead, considering the present position of the Ameri-

can industry, is far from being threatened. Americans have so far hardly started to build up a civil jet production line. Progress, hindered by the industry's financial and rearmament worries, has barely got past the artist's impression stage.

But, one way or the other, the United States will assuredly get off the mark soon. And Americans feel that once their aircraft factories have been geared up for commercial jets, it will be only a matter of time before they have jetliners galore.

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At the present rate, however, nothing much can be expected from America before 1955. By then, well over 100 of Britain's jets and turbo-props will be in service with various world airlines. Production capacity is being expanded month by month.

Three different types are involved. There is the Comet, in two versions, one with Ghost engines, the other with more-powerful Avon. And in the turbo-props field, there are the Vickers Viscounts and the Bristol Britannias.

The Comet is currently being produced at the rate of one a month, and this is being steadily increased. Output will be doubled when a second production line opens in 1954 at the Short Brothers works in Northern Ireland. Fifty Comets, all to be delivered by 1955, are at present on order.

Current Viscount production is also about one a month but Vickers Armstrong have plans for stepping it up to six. They have contracted to deliver 54 Viscounts to four different airlines by 1955.

The Bristol Aeroplane Company, which has an order from British Overseas Airways Corporation for 25 of its Britannias, is well ahead with tooling up for maximum production. Plans are also being made for duplicating production elsewhere.

Faced with this record of progress, it is not surprising that American aviation men are these days finding little consolation in their herds of piston-engined airliners. The next move is theirs.







# MAUREEN CONNOLLY IS A GREAT CROWD-PLEASER— BUT SHE CAN BE BEATEN

## Says FRED PERRY.

So much has been written, and advance notices have been so amazing, on Maureen Connolly, that I wanted to see for myself just what it is that makes her such a crowd-pleaser. With this idea in mind we went down to Wimbledon the other day and played for a couple of hours, going through her repertoire of shots. First thing is that she is charming and natural. I think she is just as amazed at her own success as are the experts in the game.

She has one burning desire, and that is to be the best woman lawn tennis player in the world and she is prepared to work hard enough to accomplish that aim.

So often when one plays what I call "promising juniors"—though I cannot include Miss Connolly in that category, as she has already won the United States women's championship—

one finds that they are loathe to listen.

They seem to feel that they know more about it than the people trying to help them.

### AMAZING

Above all, they are not prepared to work hard enough.

Maureen Connolly asked so many questions about players, tactics, and "game-manship" that it was amazing.

I had heard that Miss Connolly had ice water in her veins and was never nervous. This I cannot believe as I have watched her all the week at Surbiton and she can get just as nervous as anyone else.

The only thing is that she has mastered the art of covering up that nervousness.

She is extremely busy about the court and literally hurries in between points. This, also, to men, is a sign of nervousness, but she covers it well. She does not indulge in "Ohs" and "Ahs" but gets on with the job at hand.

I found she has two types of service, a slice and a spin, though she has been using a slice almost exclusively recently. Her backhand is her best stroke, and she can put it either down the line, or across the court at will.

It is a most natural stroke. She has complete command of a very delicate drop-shot on the backhand side, a shot she uses with amazing results.

Her forehand is not so natural and has come only after hours of practice.

**LEARNED TO VOLLEY** She has two types of back swing on this stroke, one where she brings the racket straight back and then straight forward, the other when she takes the racket in a complete circle.

I found that on the wide forehand, she put the racket a little way and so was apt to lose power when hitting the ball. The wide back swing takes the racket head out of the line of the ball.

She learned to volley last winter. She can volley, but she actually does not like to be up there at the net, and she is certainly not sure of herself when in the volleying position.

Her overhead smash is adequate. To me her footwork is amazing, and she must be quite the fastest woman player I have seen in many years.

She hits very hard on both forehand and backhand and is a slow starter.

I find on looking through her tennis results that she has almost invariably won the second set. The other is to be content to get the ball into play without too much speed so that she has nothing to hit. I think she would then be forced into errors by trying for extra speed.

She is the American champion, but she is still not a really experienced, seasoned player.

(London Express Service)



MAUREEN CONNOLLY — "a magnificent youngster," says Fred Perry. — Express Photo.

## Hard-fought Victory For Vic Seixas

London, June 16. Vic Seixas, America's top ranking tennis ace, opened his campaign pointing to Wimbledon by gaining a hard fought first round victory today in the London Grass Courts Lawn Tennis Tournament.

The 28-year-old Philadelphia won in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0 over Williams of South Africa, a vastly improved young player. However, Seixas appeared a bit sluggish in the second set in which Williams had him three times at set-point. The less experienced player fell into errors at these critical moments.

Seixas finally stormed to the net to even the score at 6-6 and then broke Williams' service at love and rushed through the final game.

The first day saw the Australian contingent, headed by Frank Sedgman, breeze past first-round opponents.

The top-seeded Sedgman potently swept past Brian Woodroffe (South Africa) 6-1, and 6-1. Ken McGregor, the powerful 23-year-old, beat Tony Fanburt (South Africa) 6-2 and 6-1.

Left-handed Mervyn Rose took 35 minutes to eliminate Ignace Tloczynski, self-exiled Pole, 6-2, 6-1.

The two 17-year-olds, diminutive Ken Rosewall and husky Lou Hord, defeated N. Nath (India) 6-4, and 6-1 and G.D. Oakley (England) 6-4 and 6-4 respectively.

Eric Sturgess (South Africa), the defending titleholder, didn't waste any time eliminating A. Hamburger (England) 6-0 and 6-0.

Hamilton Richardson (U.S.) entered the second round when S. V. Mohan (India) defaulted. Richardson had been paired with Tony Trabert of Cincinnati in Doubles competition, but Trabert was a last-minute withdrawal.

Richardson said he had been informed that Trabert could not obtain leave from his duties with the U.S. Navy in the Mediterranean and would also have to withdraw his Wimbledon entry.

Most favoured players advanced into the next-round but

there was a small upset when Jeff Schmidt, the rising 17-year-old Swedish youth, defeated Spychalski, the self-exiled former Polish Davis cup star, 6-3, and 6-4.

Guseppi Merlo (Italy), playing on grass courts for the first time, defeated Philip Brogby (Australia) 6-3, 7-5. Merlo is playing in place of Trabert.

In another international match, L. Ryala (Chile) defeated P. Jackson, Ireland's No. 1 player, 7-0, 6-3 and 6-3.

**KUMAR IMPRESSES** London, June 16. Naresh Kumar, India's No. 1 player, gained an impressive first round win over the South African Davis Cup player, Nigel Cockburn, when the London Grass Courts Championships opened at the Queen's Club here today.

The Championships are a "dress rehearsal" for next week's Wimbledon Championships, as most of the world's class players are competing.

Kumar beat Cockburn 3-6, 6-2, 6-4. In the same round, Narendra Nath of India was beaten 6-4, 6-1 by Ken Rosewall, Australia's star junior for whom a big future has been predicted.

Reuter.

## BELGIANS PLAY THE GOOD HOST

Brussels, June 16.

Belgium beat Sweden by three matches to two in the quarter-finals of the Davis Cup European Zone here today.

Starting the day with a decisive 3-0 lead, Belgium lost the remaining two singles.

Torsten Johansson beat Jackie Brichant 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 and Sven Davidson beat Philippe Washer, who retired injured after three sets. The Belgian was leading 7-5, 6-1, 6-8 at the time.

Reuter.

## Grandslam Homer Wins For Giants

New York, June 16.

Bobby Thomson repeated his pennant-winning home run of last October, when he slashed a grand slam homer into the upper deck in the last of the ninth inning today to give the New York Giants an 8-7 victory over the Cardinals.

Thomson, hitless in his last 17 times at the bat, lashed out the Giants' fourth home of the day, but it came at a time that they seemed doomed to defeat.

The Cardinals had rallied to go ahead 6-4 in the seventh and had a 7-4 lead after their ninth.

In the only other game played today, the Phillies edged the Pirates 5-4 despite homers by Ralph Kiner and George Strickland. Philadelphia scored the winning run in the seventh inning when Richie Ashburn opened the frame with a triple and came home on Granny Hamner's fly ball to the center.

United Press.

**THE SCORES** New York, June 16.

National League baseball scores today were:

New York Giants 8, St. Louis Cardinals 7.

Philadelphia Phillies 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 4.—Associated Press.

## Denis Compton's Column

# Pupil's Century Soothed Mankad

Most disappointed Indian in Leeds on the Thursday morning of the First Test was Vinoo Mankad, the world's best left-arm slow bowler, whose hopes of playing in the Test had been raised, then shattered.

Most delighted Indian in Leeds on Thursday evening was Vinoo Mankad. Indirectly he had helped his country to recover from a disastrous opening.

Vinoo's gloom turned to joy with the magnificent maiden century in first-class cricket of the team's "baby," 20-year-old Vijay Manjrekar—the boy he taught under an Indian Board of Control coaching scheme.

Even so, Billy's colleagues still prefer to adhere to their original version. In passing, Billy was omitted from both the remaining Tests!

### STRAPPED UP

Cases of cramp are not infrequent after a hard day in the field and sometimes I wonder at those who believe that bowlers can never be given too much work.

Ray Smith of Essex, who bowled some 90 overs in two consecutive days recently at Romford, waxes eloquent on this subject.

Some years ago, when he and cousin Peter bore the brunt of the Essex attack match after match, the county secretary received a letter of complaint which ran—

"It's about time Essex gave somebody else a chance to bowl. Those greedy Smiths won't allow anyone else to get near the ball."

Ray's comment is: "If only that chap knew how a bowler's feet ache some nights!"

Recently, when Ray took six for 30 against the Indians, he was strapped from knee to waist. He had to bowl himself out of a badly strained groin.

A parallel is that many batsmen have to bat themselves out of lean spells. Discussing this at Leeds, England's captain, Len Hutton, shrewdly remarked that when a player strikes a bad patch the bat feels to him as small as a knife and the ball looks the size of a golf ball.

Len revealed that his "hoodoo" bowler is Bertie Buse of Somerset. "Whether Bertie has my measure, or whether I'm invariably out of touch when we meet I don't know," declared Len, "but the result is the

same. Bertie always seems to have me in trouble."

### ICES FOR ALLAN

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(London Express Service)

## IKIN WILL NOT BE FIT FOR LORD'S TEST

Manchester, June 16.

Jack Ikin, the Lancashire all-rounder, may not be fit for the Second Test against India which starts at Lord's on Thursday.

Ikin, who is one of the 12 from whom the England team will be chosen today, had a recurrence of the back trouble which kept him out of the Test series last season and he was unable to field when Somerset batted at Old Trafford here.

He received treatment from the Club's masseur and is to undergo further treatment tomorrow. Ikin felt pain when turning quickly for a fourth run during his innings.—Reuter.

# Mankad Notified That He Will Be Wanted For Remaining Tests

London, June 16.

Vinoo Mankad, the Indian all-rounder, who has been released by the Lancashire League club, Haslingden, for the Second Test, has been notified officially by the Indian team manager, Pankaj Gupta, that he will be wanted for the remaining Tests against England.

Haslingden have already indicated that they are prepared to release Mankad for these games.

Either S.G. Shinde, the Indian leg-spin bowler who played in the First Test, or the all-rounder, C. T. Sarwate, is expected to be loaned by the touring team to Haslingden as Mankad's substitute this week-end.

The Second Test starts on Thursday.

Commenting on the decision, Mankad said, "This ends a lot of worry for me. I only hope I do well and justify the confidence placed in me."

He added that the terms for his appearances in the Tests will be "mutually agreed." — Reuter.

### INDIANS AT BELFAST

Belfast, June 16.

The Indian touring team, easy winners over Ireland in Dublin last week, were strongly placed when play closed on the opening day of their second match against Ireland here today.

Ireland, with seven wickets left, were then 220 runs behind. The match ends tomorrow.

The Indians gave the Belfast crowd a fine display of batting. First wicket-keeper, Madhoo Mantri reached an elegant 50 and then all-rounder Dattu Phadkar, using many unorthodox but nevertheless entertaining strokes, raced to a century in 100 minutes.

Phadkar reached the boundary only seven times, but he hit the bowling to all parts of the field.

Despite several short showers of rain, which drove the players for shelter, the pitch was never anything but docile.

After India had declared at 289 for eighth, Ireland quickly ran into trouble, losing three men for 25, but opening bat Bergin found a partner to stay in Wilson and the pair carried the score to 60 for three by the close.—Reuter.

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(London Express Service)

## Close Of Play Scores In County Cricket

London, June 16.

The following were the close of play scores of County cricket games today:

**At Lord's**—Yorkshire 308 for six declared (Young five for 137) and 18 for no wicket. Middlesex 277 (Thompson, not out 140).

**At The Oval**—Surrey 256 for seven declared and 200 for seven (Fletcher 83). Essex 118 (Laker five for 50, Alec Bedser four for 48).

**At Farnham**—Northamptonshire 67 and 250 for four (Brookes 74, Jakeman 77). Hampshire 154 for nine declared (Nutter four for 47).

**At Hove**—Cambridge University 368 for four declared (May 107, Tordoff 60). Sussex 259 for seven (Cox, not out 121).

**At Oxford**—Warwickshire 348 for four declared (Horne 140, Ord, not out 143). Oxford University 113 (Weeks four for 35) and 24 for one.

**At Manchester**—Lancashire 336 for five declared (Washbrook not out 211). Somerset 104 for six.

**At North**—Leicestershire—107 and 126 for five. Glamorgan 324 (Emrys Davies 91, Watkins 107).

**At Worcester**—Gloucestershire 345 for five declared and 28 for no wicket. Worcestershire 346 for six declared (Kenyon 118, Outeboom 68, Bird not out 77). —Reuter.

### AT VRC TODAY

# Attempts On Colony Records

Attempts will be made on the Colony swimming record for the 400 Yards Free style event by Cheung Kin-man and F. X. Montello today at a gala organised by the HKASA at the VRC pool, commencing at 6 p.m.

The programme is as follows:

1. Men's 100 yards Free Style (Inter-Club)—Leung Cho-yuk (Lai Tsun); Au Kam-por (Ching Wing); Miguel Gutierrez (VRC); Tony Martin (LRC).

2. Women's 100 yards Breast Stroke (Inter-Club)—G. Addington (LRC); Leung Hin-yuet (Lai Tsun); Woo Mo-lak (Ching Wing); Ewa Rosa-Pereira (VRC).

3. Men's 400 yards Free Style (attempt on Colony record)—Cheung Kin-man, F. X. Montello, accompanied by Leung Cho-yuk (Lai Tsun).

4. Women's 50 yards Back Stroke (Inter-Club)—Ng Ngar-lin (Lai Tsun); Wong Chor-wan (Ching Wing).

5. Men's 200 yards Breast Stroke (Inter-Club)—Lau Shiu-ling (Lai Tsun); Chan Lai-kuen (Ching Wing); B. Osmund (VRC); N. Kameniklis (LRC).

6. Women's 400 yards Free Style (Inter-Club)—Lau Shiu-ling (Lai Tsun); Chan Lai-kuen (Ching Wing); Chan Ching-mui (Ching Wing).

7. Men's 100 yards Back Stroke (Inter-Club)—M. Robertson (LRC); Tsang Hung-kwong (Lai Tsun); Choi Lee-ching (Ching Wing); M. Gutierrez (VRC).

8. Women's 50 yards Free Style (Inter-Club)—Lau Shiu-ling (Lai Tsun); Chan Lai-kuen (Ching Wing); Chan Ching-mui (Ching Wing).

9. Women's 4 x 50 yards Free Style Relay (Open to all Clubs)—South China VRC, Lai Tsun and LRC.

10. Men's 2 x 100 yards Medley Relay (Open to all Clubs)—South China VRC, Fortuna and Lai Tsun.

## Another Jolt For American Women Golfers At Troon

Troon, Ayrshire, June 16.

The United States challenge in the British Women's Open Amateur Golf Championship here received a jolt today when only four of their 10 entries survived to reach the last 32.

Two young British girl golfers, 17-year-old Jeanette Robertson and Jane Machin, who is 21, provided the upsets of the day.

Playing in the Championships for the first time, they beat established American internationalists in the second round.

Miss Robertson beat Miss Dot Kieley three and two, and Miss Machin won a tremendous 19 holes success over Miss Grace de Moss.—Reuter.

## TODAY'S SPORTS

Aquatics

Swimming: Gala at VRC 6 p.m.

Rugby

Open Mixed Pairs, Club Laidano, 7 p.m.

Tennis

Men's "B" Div.—Urban G. KCC; C.C. "A" v C.C. "B" HKU v SCAA; LRC v HRC; KTO v C.C. "C" v. HRC.

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## THE GAMBOLS





## TURPIN AGAIN

### The 8th: 'Stop Apologies'

### The 11th: 'Stop Fight'

By PETER WILSON

Randolph Turpin has done it again. He is now the Middle and Lightweight Champion of Great Britain after scoring a crushing victory over Don Cockell, at the White City. He punished Cockell so severely that the referee had to stop the fight in the eleventh round.

Turpin, the 24-year-old brown killer from Leamington, brought 50,000 roaring spectators to their feet as he knocked Cockell off his feet for the second time in that 11th round.

Yet, in the eighth round, the referee had stepped between the two men after an exchange of punches and said: "Stop apologising to each other."

Cockell towards the end was in a sad and sorry way. A vertical cut had been opened over his left eye. For the last quarter of an hour he had a lacerated mouth.

Now, in the 11th round, his eyes were like those painted on a cheap doll's face and his legs were those of a doll too—a doll from which half the sand had been run.

It had been punched from him by this staring, café au lait youth, whose fists are mighty as mallets beneath the black gloves.

And who can unchain the lightning and the dynamite when he wills it.

Cockell danced a drunken jig backwards across the ring until the ropes jerked him upright and Turpin slid him cobrawise across the canvas.

Now those two terrible fists were poised ready to deliver what could have been a fatal injury to the game white man who was at the end of his rope in every sense.

Mercifully, intelligently, and swiftly Referee Tommy Little sprang between them and guided Cockell across the ring back to his corner as you guide a blind man across a dangerous street.

Turpin, who last year held the world's middle-weight championship for 54 glorious days, had now added Cockell's British cruiser-weight title and the vacant Empire one to the British and European middle-weight championships which he already held.

#### THE ROUNDS

By my reckoning there was only one winner from the very first bell. Of the ten completed

rounds I did not credit Cockell with a single one—and I made only two even.

Cockell, at 12st. 8½lb., was 11½lb. the heavier, but when it came to power of punch or sheer muscular strength in the clinches you would have said that Turpin was by far the bigger and more powerful man.

The first sign of the destruction to come came in the third round. In the first two Turpin had established his domination, first with his straight left and then with his Excalibur of a left hook against which Cockell had no defence except his chin.

And the chin has not been quarried that can stand up to Turpin's "Executioner" punch.

Up to this point when Turpin did land with his right to the head, it was too far back to be decisive—mostly around Cockell's left ear—but the third round saw a change.

#### ICEBERG

Cockell rather crudely tried to faint his man into leaving an opening, but a pup seal might as well have tried to "draw" a brown iceberg.

Then Turpin fairly exploded—there is no other way of describing it. He flogged his man to head and body and shortened left and right hooks to the head had Cockell going.

A final vicious left dash with both barrels landing flush to the chin sent Cockell spinning to the canvas. He was very glad to take a count of eight.

But although a gash like a crimson exclamation mark appeared over Cockell's left eye Turpin was too wild to finish his man off then. And Cockell, hurt and dazed, managed to last out the session.

Then came a strange period of the fight which I could not understand. Turpin developed a schizophrenic streak. The killer became a light-hearted youth, scoring in almost gymnasium fashion with that classic left, but seemingly in no hurry to apply the finishing touch.

#### TURPIN GRINS

Through the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh rounds—the last two of which Cockell shared—Turpin several times grinned at his opponent, sometimes patted him on the back and generally was more merciful than I have seen him in a fight of this importance.

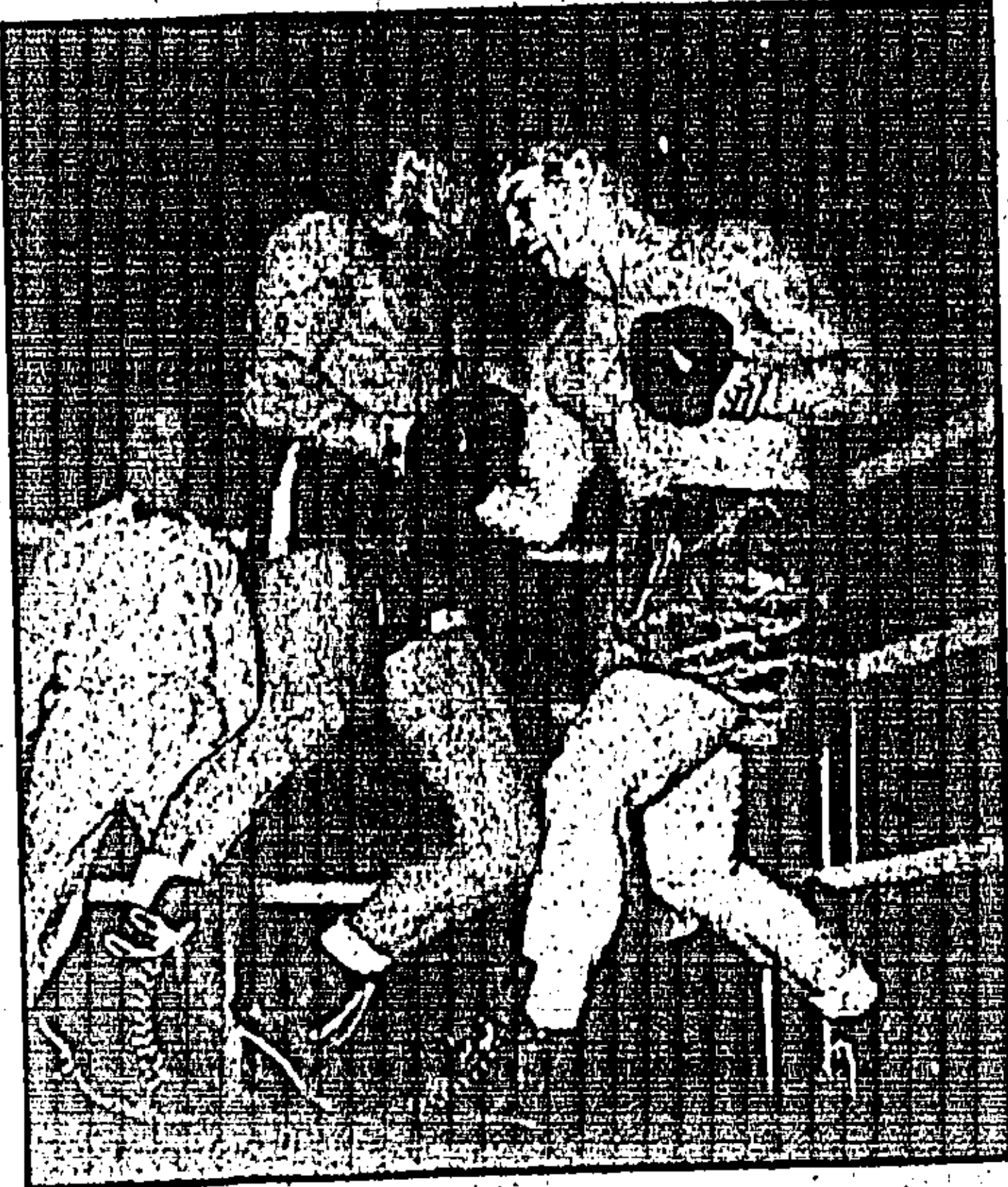
In the eighth round referee Tommy Little stepped between the two men and indicated that he felt this was no time for "pardon my glove" courtesies.

Turpin's reaction was immediate. He got the heavier man in a neutral corner and pummelled him so severely that I thought he would have gone down then. He would have, too, I believe, had the bell not sounded at the critical moment.

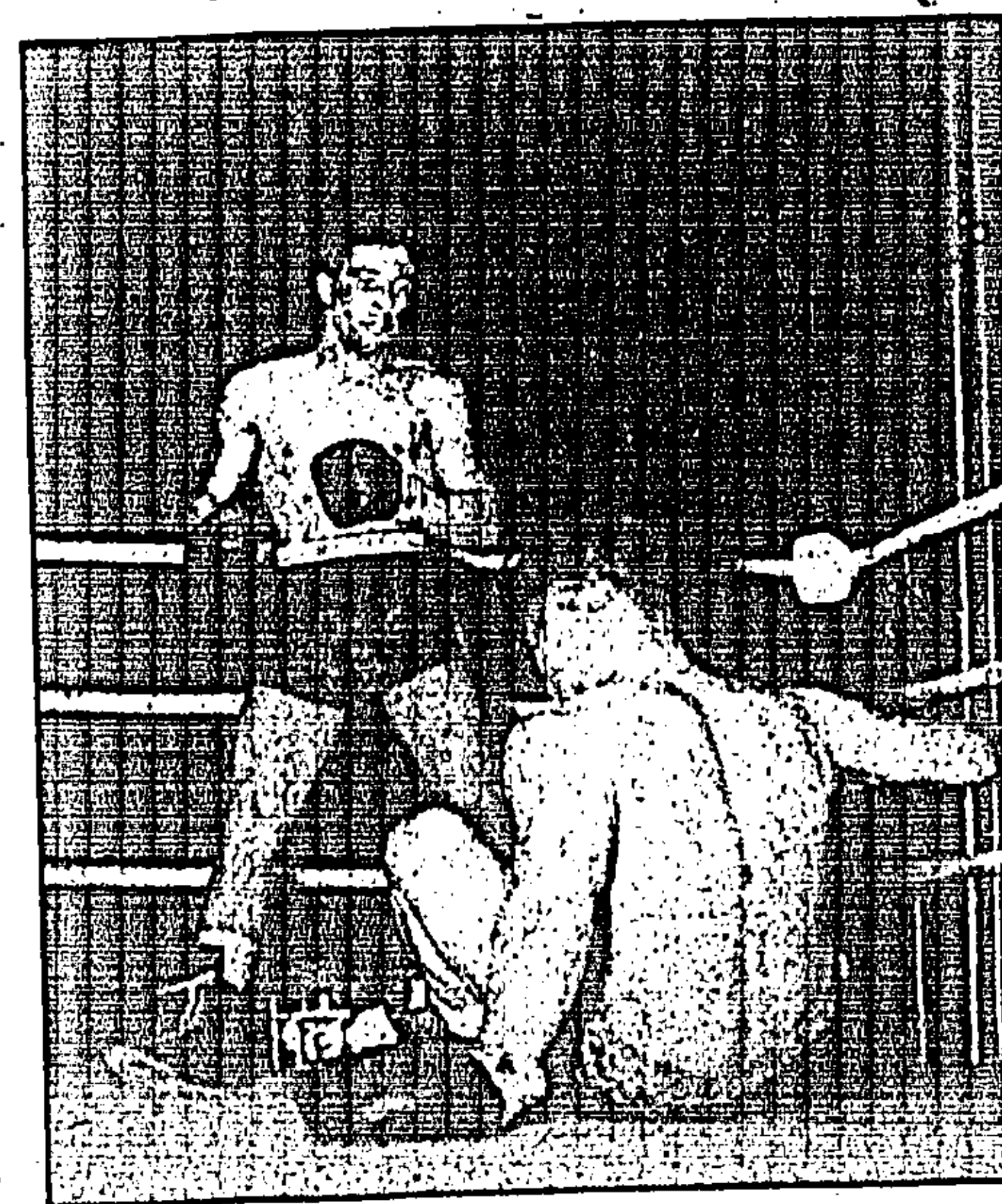
By the end of the tenth it was quite clear that Cockell's only hope was to land a K.O.—and that was beyond the bounds of possibility.

Then the 11th—explosion, riot, and massacre, and the inevitable end, of left and right hook which dropped Cockell for six, and the hardest left hit of all which dropped Cockell for nine before the referee cried "Enough."

(London Express Service)



Randolph Turpin beat Don Cockell in their fight for the British Lightweight Championship at the White City on the evening of June 10. This picture shows Turpin (left) and Cockell during the fight.



Here Cockell is down for a count of eight in Round Three. The referee stopped the fight in the 11th round. — Central Press Photo.

## BRITAIN'S SPORTING WORLD IS DOING WELL RIGHT NOW

By JIM CHAMBERS

London, June 16.

Most things in Britain are going well right now in the sporting world.

Just take a look round and recall what has happened within the past few weeks.

First of all the England football team made a triumphant tour of the Continent and after playing a rough and tumble draw against Italy, defeated Austria, reckoned to be the Continent's best soccer exponents, and Switzerland.

Then Britain's track stars tuning up for the Helsinki Olympics, showed some star Americans the way round the White City track in the British Games.

And recently a British Women's golf team defeated America to win the Curtis Cup for the first time in the 20 years' history of this international event. Of those successes, England's cricket team defeated India by the very convincing margin of seven wickets at Leeds after having all the worst of the pitch which was a gift from heaven to spin bowlers following rain.

**SOME SETBACKS**

The game proved to be a setback, too. British Empire Featherweight Champion, Roy Ankarah, the Gold Coast "Black Flash", lost his world title eliminator to France's Roy Farnochon who he is the best nine-stone fighter outside America, and a worthy No. 1 contender for the world title, currently held by negro Sandy Saddler who is serving in the U.S. Army.

Ankarah, the nearest human subject to perpetual motion, was outboxed, outpunched and outthought by Farnochon on the Nottingham football ground where a crowd of 35,000 fans completely agreed with the verdict of referee Andrew Smythe of Belfast.

The other setback we must mention, and it's an old story by now, was another failure of the B.M. to win a big road race.

Two B.M.s were started in the Ulster International Trophy race, and both of them were out of the race long before the finish.

The first, driven by Britain's young ace, Shirling Moss, quit after the fifth of 34 laps, and the second, piloted by World Champion Juan Fangio of Argentina, folded up at the end of the 25th lap.

England's Test selection committee are certain to approach the RAF authorities for Trueman's release for the Lord's game. He is at present touring Germany with an RAF team.

There are unlikely to be any changes in the England team to meet India in the second of a series of four games. Gloucestershire's Tom Graveney, that tall, upstanding batsman with the lovely strokes, and Glamorgan's stocky Alan Watkins have surely made their positions safe in future England elevens, and Peter May, the most promising batsman for many years, will certainly retain his place despite two batting failures in the Leeds match.

Denis Compton is no longer cricket's gay adventurer. His batting has taken on a far more serious look. The Leeds match needed about an hour of the old Compton to ruin the impeccable length of India's best bowler, off-spinning Ghulam Ahmed. — Associated Press.

## The Olympic Games Again Shun Electric Timing

By HAROLD PALMER

One wonders why athletics is the one important sport in the Olympic Games that will not take full and proper advantage of the help of modern science in time and judging.

Accuracy, guaranteed to a 100th of a second, has been offered, but once again hand timing—proved so unreliable by the infallible electric timing—will be in operation.

What is acceptable for rowing, canoeing, riding and cross-country at Helsinki is not good enough for athletics.

Does the International Federation fear the disclosure that all these years their timekeepers have been making runners especially sprinters, look faster than they really are?

Are they afraid of the effect of accurate electric timing, a standard in the record book, not to mention the discrediting of old records?

The electric recording at Wembley in 1948 served to confirm general opinion that hand timing is certainly not reliable in the sprints.

There is delay in the starting of the watch dependent on the speed of the timekeeper's reaction and a tendency to anticipate the finish.

I have been able to compare the 1948 official time with those registered automatically. About 60 per cent of official times of races up to 800 metres were 1-5th of a second faster. Another 25 per cent were 1-10th of a second faster.

The rest tallied except for a very few that were slower. As at Wembley the automatic device will operate at Helsinki but only as a check on the hand-timing when thought necessary.

Once again there will be a lead wired from the starting pistol to the timing device but this time there will be a camera at the finish instead of the invisible ray.

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This camera produces a continuous picture of what is happening at the finishing line during the whole period at the end of the race.

Each runner is treated individually and underneath his picture is photographed the time of his arrival.

## Nine Dragons Table Tennis, Darts Results

The following are the results of monthly Darts and Table Tennis knockout competition matches played at the Nine Dragons Services Club last week:

Table Tennis—RAF "B" 1, CE Land Forces 3; RAF "A" walkover to 11 Int Works REME "B" Comd Works REME "D" 0. HK Sig Regt 4.

Darts—RAF "A" 4, Comd Works REME "A" 2; Wills "A" 4, 34 LAA Regt RA "A" 2, 33 Gen Hospital walkover to 50 Fd Sqn RE "A"; Wills "A" walkover to 50 Fd Sqn RE "A".

Matches for June 10 commence at 7 p.m.: Table Tennis—CE Land Forces v RAF "A", HK Signal Regt v 15 Fd Sqn RE "A".

Darts—RAF "A" v Wills "B", Wills "A" v 33 General Hospital.

The next basketball "Knockout" competition will commence in July. Entries should be submitted to the Manager, Nine Dragons Services Club (in writing) by June 21.

There will be no entrance fee. Trophies will be presented to each member of the winning team.

## Draw For The Olympic Soccer Tournament

Helsinki, June 16.

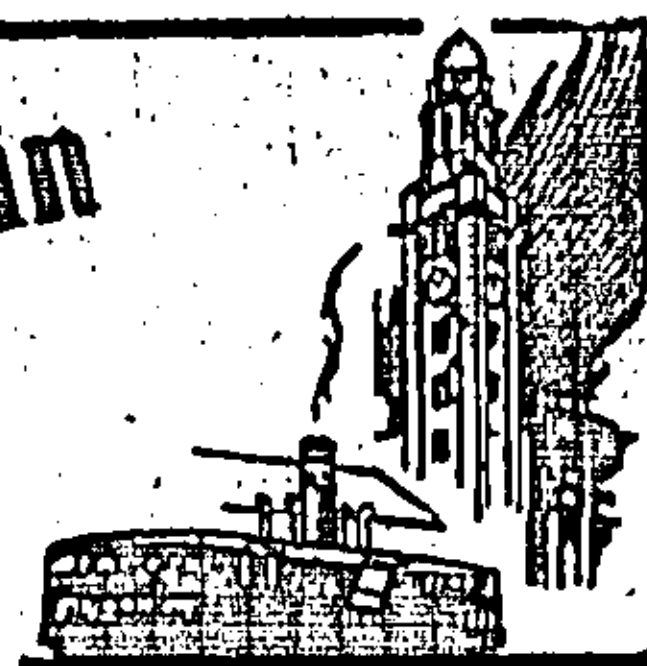
The draw for the Olympic soccer tournament was made today.

Turkey, Dutch Antilles, Sweden, Germany and Finland drew bye and moved to the final round.

The other 22 teams must take part in the eliminations in which the following teams will meet: Holland v Brazil; United States v Italy; Egypt v Chile; Bulgaria v Soviet Union; Yugoslavia v India; Norway v Mexico; Denmark v Greece; Rumania v Hungary; Luxembourg v Britain; Austria v the Saar, and Poland v France.

After the eliminations a new draw will be made for the final round.—United Press.

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## Korean Olympic Team Here

Headed by Mr. Paul J. C. Hyen, Vice-President of the Korean Olympic team, the first batch of ten Korean Olympic aspirants arrived by CAT plane yesterday en route to Helsinki.

The second group of 35 members including a woman, headed by Dr. Chay Soon Ju, will arrive on June 25.

The Koreans will participate in weight-lifting, boxing, wrestling, cycling, field and track and horse riding. It will be the first time that Korea will be competing in horse riding and the rider is Min Byung-sam, a student.

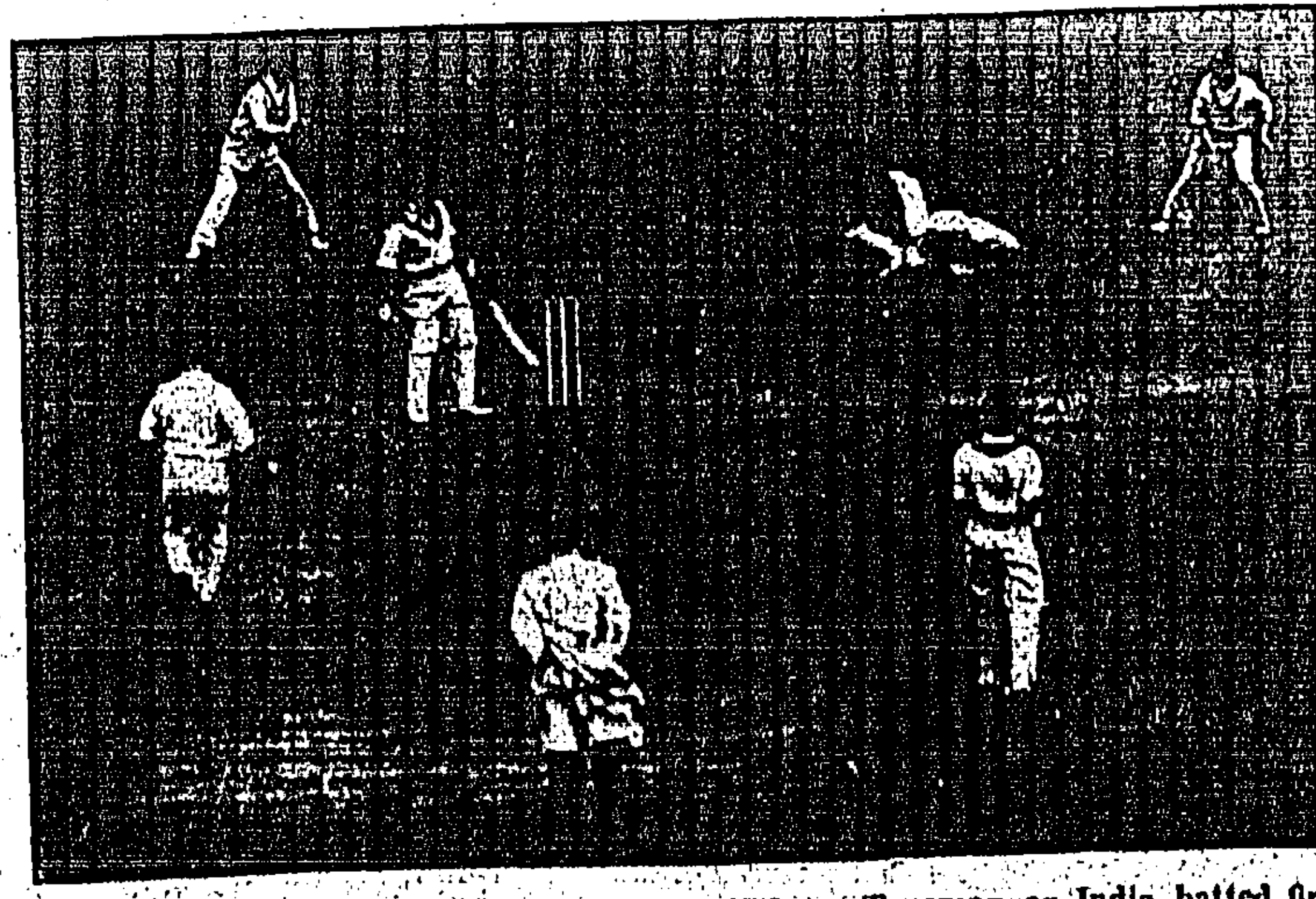
Included in the group is Kim Bui-jun, who is attending the Games at the invitation of the International Football Association. Mr. Kim will officiate as a referee in football games.



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## SPECTACULAR SAVE



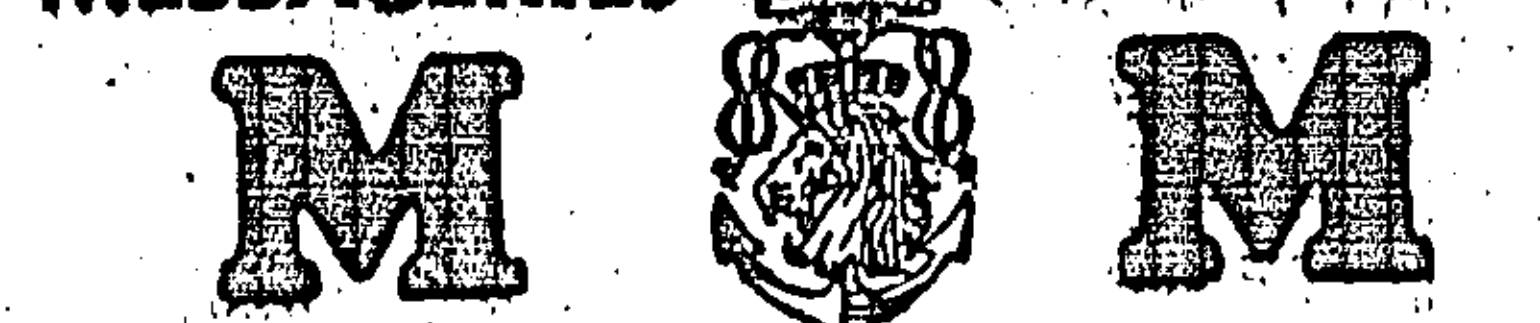
A spectacular save by Evans off a ball from Trueman as India batted first in the Test at Leeds. — Central Press Photo.







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## Diverting Orders To Lancashire

Manchester, June 16.  
Restrictions by British Colonies on Japanese imports to meet the balance of payments crisis are expected to result in the diversion of substantial orders to the Lancashire textile industry.

Mr F. S. Winterbottom, Chairman of the Cotton and Rayon Merchants Association, said today that the restrictions on Japanese imports in the Sterling Area were due to the large Sterling balances held by Japan and could only be regarded by Lancashire as a temporary advantage.

"This advantage," he continued, "would give spinners and weavers the opportunity of showing what they could do in the way of competitive prices and guaranteed deliveries."

"We have to try to restore our position in these markets against the competition of continental supplies as well as those of Japan," he said.

Meanwhile, it was learned that Mr A. C. Nwapa, Nigeria's Minister of Commerce, would arrive in Manchester next Monday to discuss with leaders of the industry the purchase of between five and ten million pounds Sterling worth of British textiles.—Reuter.

## NY Stock Exchange

New York, June 16.  
Dow Jones averages at the end of the stock market session stood as follows:  
30 Industrials ..... 207.03  
20 rails ..... 49.31  
10 utilities ..... 98.79  
40 bonds ..... —United Press.

## NEW PULP INDUSTRY FOR N.Z.

Wellington, June 16.  
The Prime Minister, Sidney Holland, said today that the visiting Swedish financier and industrialist, Mr Marcus Wallenberg, had reported that the establishment of the Murupara pulp paper industry, which has Government backing, will prove economically sound and profitable if it is set up under proper conditions.

At a final meeting with the Prime Minister today, Mr Wallenberg submitted his report on the steps he considers should be taken to establish the industry.

Mr Holland said the report would not be made public for some time.

"Mr Wallenberg has warned us that we are entering a highly competitive field and that great care and prudence must be exercised to ensure that the capital of the industry does not exceed its productive capacity," he said.

Mr Wallenberg has been in New Zealand for two weeks at the invitation of the Government to advise on the scheme. Though preliminary work is going on, the main development is held up while sources are being sought for the necessary overseas capital. The Governor of the Reserve Bank is at present overseas finding out what capital is available.—Reuter.

## Copro Quotation

New York, June 16.  
Copro was quoted today at \$150 per short ton, nominal. Coconut oil was quoted at 10 cents a pound asked.—United Press.

## UK Purchases Of Wheat

London, June 16.  
Mr Ronald Russell (Conservative) asked in the House of Commons today for an assurance that the Government would buy all the wheat that could be got from Commonwealth countries.

Major Gwilym Lloyd George, Food Minister, replied: "We cannot, for balance of payments and operational reasons, buy our wheat exclusively from Commonwealth countries. We shall certainly continue to buy a very large proportion of our total requirements from those countries."—Reuter.

## Exchange Operation In Israel LITTLE EFFECT ON ECONOMY

Tel-Aviv, June 16.  
The first half of Israel's two-week compulsory loan ended today with roughly half the country's currency exchanged and no marked adverse effects yet on the nation's economy.

The exchange of all Israeli currency for new issues and diversion into the Government Treasury of 10 per cent. of the larger bills will continue until next Monday.

Banks to date have changed roughly half the total of £115,000,000 worth of bills in circulation. Holders of the larger bills—those of £5 denomination and over—are being given receipts exchangeable later for Government bonds covering the forced loan.

Ten per cent also is being deducted from bank deposits over £50. Proceeds from the loan—expected to total £24,000,000—are to be used for economic development.

**LITTLE EFFECT**  
Long lines of people wait daily in front of all banks to exchange their old notes. A number of additional exchange centres will be opened in the major towns to avoid a last-minute jam.

But business during the first week of the exchange has been no better and no worse than usual. Rates on the stock exchange have varied only slightly.

A predicted run on stocks in the stores by shoppers has not developed.

The Government expects to raise some £9,000,000 from deductions from the exchanged bank notes and another £15,000,000 from bank deposits. This money is expected to come from more than 300,000 Israeli citizens out of a total population of 1,500,000.—Associated Press.

## Launch To Be Used As Cargo Vessel

London.  
A pleasure launch, Philante 11, has left Southampton to become a cargo vessel in the South Sea Islands. She was bought by two young New Zealanders, Abiell Rudden and Ron Baker, who sold their manufacturing business in Auckland to become copra traders round Tahiti. The after-cabin and saloon of the vessel will be gutted at Tahiti to form cargo holds of 120-ton capacity.

The Philante 11 has a gross tonnage of 140 and is powered by a 100-h.p. diesel engine. She was built during the war as a Fairmile D motor launch for the Admiralty.

Her new owners first visited the South Seas together on a pleasure cruise in a 35-ft schooner they bought. They were so impressed they sold their businesses and invested in a 90-ft ketch, the New Golden Hind, which during the war was used by the Australian Government to service units fighting in the Pacific. They went into the trading and copra business, they came to England last January to buy another vessel.

The Philante 11 will sail for Tahiti across the Atlantic calling at the Azores, Jamaica and Bermuda, Panama and the Galapagos and Marquesas Islands. Abiell Rudden and Ron Baker, both 34 have a crew of nine, including two women—Miss Torrey Windsor (24) of London and Jennifer Corlyon (25) a nurse whose home is in New Zealand. Most of the other members of the crew are young men.

## British Coal Exports At A Higher Level MORE EMPLOYED IN THE MINES

London, May 26.  
In the week ended May 17 the production of deep-mined and opencast coal totalled 4,508,700 tons, of which 258,700 tons came from opencast sites.

In the corresponding week last year the output was 3,447,300 tons, which included the Whitsuntide holiday period.

For the 20 weeks of the year the aggregate was 88,607,400 tons, compared with 80,732,500 tons in the corresponding period of 1951.

Exports during the week ended May 10, the latest period for which figures are available, totalled 246,000 tons, while bunnings amounted to 52,800 tons. In the first 10 weeks of the year exports reached a total of 3,550,000 tons, compared with 2,074,000 tons in 1951. Bunkers during the same period totalled 1,308,000 tons against 1,843,000 tons in 10 weeks of 1951. There were no imports.

Stocks increased from 13,000,000 tons to 13,800,000 tons in the week ended May 10, compared with 10,170,000 tons a year ago. Warmer weather accounted for a decline in consumption.

Man-power continued to improve, reaching 715,800 on May 10. This was 500 higher than the previous week, and 12,900 compared with a year ago. Coal-face workers increased by 600 to 201,600.

The decision of the Miners' Executive to seek a substantial increase in miners' wages has been formally communicated in writing to the National Coal Board but no date has yet been arranged for a joint meeting.

**SOUTH WALES TRADE**  
A strong tone continued in the South Wales coal trade, especially in high-grade qualities, which are busily engaged under contract. Only in the cheaper sorts is business quieter.

In the export section there is a good demand from France and Spain, but business with Italy and Portugal is quiet. Business with Argentina is of modest proportions. There are heavy calls on inland account.

In anthracites fuller supplies are needed to provide scope for dealing with new business.

A brisk demand for smaller household nuts keeps the tone firm. Export demand absorbs the production of best machine-made cobbles, and seasonal shipments account for good support of lower-graded commodities.

## FROM THE WEAR

Shipments of coal from the Wear overseas in the first quarter of the year totalled 168,855 tons compared with 11,170 tons in the corresponding period of 1951, and 524,350 in 1938.

There was a fall to 631,854 tons in shipments to London and coastal ports from 640,957 tons in the first three months of last year. The aggregate shipments of coal from the Wear in the first quarter was 600,400 tons, an increase of 42,282 tons on the first quarter of last year.

In the Midlands, the settlement of the several disputes in South Yorkshire caused an improvement in production in the colliery in the week ended May 17. Leading home users are having their requirements satisfied, and it is regarded as possible that further export shipments will be made. Coastwise shipments from the Humberside ports are increasing as further contracts are arranged. Large steamers and mixtures form the major part of a steady demand for bunkers.

## GOOD HOME DEMAND

Home demand is strong. The railways are taking full supplies to build up reserves for the holidays and the steel and engineering industries are taking prime and screened steams as well as a proportion of open-cast coal. Gas and electricity undertakings are filling their bunkers to enable them to meet industrial demands. The home market is taking the full production of coke metallurgical coke is particularly active.

In Scotland large coal is not readily allocated in spite of some easing of demand. There are satisfactory movements of graded fuels. Unscreamed navigational coals are slightly easier. Hard and gas coke breezes are offered in moderate quantities for export, and there are inquiries for hard coke nuts for shipment abroad. More hard coke is needed to satisfy the home market, but gas coke is rather quieter.

## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning totalled only \$148,767.20 in value. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

**SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES**

**BANKS**  
HSBC Bank ..... 1375 1400 15 @ 1085  
East Asia ..... 141

**INSURANCES**  
Union ..... 740  
Underwriters ..... 5.00  
HSBC Fire ..... 705 1/2

**DOCKS, ETC.**  
Dock ..... 16.20 400 @ 10.30  
Provident ..... 1 1/2  
Sui Hai ..... 1 1/2

**LAND, ETC.**  
HSBC Hotel ..... 0 1/4  
HSBC Land (B) ..... 20 200 @ 41  
HSBC Land (R) ..... 10 127 @ 39  
Sui Hai Land ..... 1.35 300 @ 1.10

**UTILITIES**  
Tram ..... 10 1000 @ 10  
Sui Hai ..... 100 100 @ 90  
C Light (O) ..... 8 1/2 8.40 1000 @ 8.35  
C Light (N) ..... 5.45  
Electricity ..... 21.20 21 1/2 32 @ 21.30  
Telephone ..... 15.80 600 @ 21.30

**INDUSTRIALS**  
Sui Hai ..... 14.00 14.70 200 @ 14 1/2  
Rope ..... 17.30

**STORES, ETC.**  
Dairy ..... 10.00 200 @ 10.00  
Watson ..... 21.80 22.20 200 @ 22.00  
200 @ 21.20

**COTTONS**  
Ewo ..... 1.60

## Business In Cotton Slows Down

New York, June 16.  
Cotton resumed last week's advancing tendencies but business slowed down considerably on the rise and at frequent intervals came to a complete halt.

Ring observers said that while the market was apparently waiting for new incentives on the bullish side, at the same time material at hand was convincing enough to keep bears tamed.

An unusual amount of activity in the dry goods market last week, with the latest estimates putting sales of print cloths, sheetings and other fabrics at upwards of 75,000,000 yards, made a deep impression.

It was the largest buying spree since the Korea War, with some optimists contending that it marked a "definite turn" in the textile market after a year and a half of depression.

A good part of today's activity was centred on evening up in July before the first notice day.

The crop news remained favourable but it had little marked effect.

The market opened up 6 to 20 points, it closed up 20 to 26 points, July rose to 40.50 cents, a new high since early April, then closed at 40.40-40.40.

Prices closed today as follows:

Spot ..... 41.80  
July ..... 40.50-40.40  
October ..... 37.50-37.40  
December ..... 37.25  
March (1953) ..... 37.15  
July ..... 35.15-35.25  
October ..... 34.75 bid  
December ..... —United Press.

## NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot ..... 40.75  
July ..... 40.40  
October ..... 37.50-37.40  
December ..... 37.25  
March ..... 37.15 bid  
July ..... 35.15 bid  
October ..... 34.75 bid  
December ..... —United Press.

## Japan Accepts Proposal TRADE PACT WITH ITALY

Tokyo, June 16.

The Japanese Government has accepted an Italian proposal for the early conclusion of a trade and payments agreement and will soon arrange for negotiations with Italy, the economic paper, Nihon Keizai, reported today.

Trade between the two nations is conducted now without such agreement and is settled in dollars.

According to the Nihon Keizai, the Foreign Exchange Control Board believes the Italian proposal was made for the following reasons:

(1) Imports by Italy from the member nations of the European Payments Union are not going on smoothly. With a trade and payments agreement concluded with Japan, Italy aims at securing increased imports of goods.

(2) The agreement is desirable because Japan's imports from Italy exceed her exports to Italy.

The Nihon Keizai said the Italian Government desires a dollar account settlement in the agreements while the Japanese Government hopes for an open account settlement.

## "SWING ACCOUNT"

The Foreign Exchange Control Board, in studying the Italian proposal, will take into account the following points:

(1) Whether and how the agreements will affect Japanese imports of Italian goods, especially rice.

(2) Whether the proposed agreements will benefit Japan more than the present "free trade" between the two nations.

If the "swing account" formula is adopted on the basis of open account settlement, Board officials feel the volume of "swing" should be decided in concluding the agreements, the Nihon Keizai said.—France-Press.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGES IN N.Y.

New York, June 16.

Canada ..... US\$1.02-1/16  
England ..... 1.02-1/16  
France ..... 2.55 bid  
Germany ..... 2.55 asked  
Italy ..... 2.70 bid  
Japan ..... 2.70  
Netherlands ..... 2.70  
Sweden ..... 2.70  
Switzerland ..... 2.70  
Turkey ..... 2.70  
U.S. dollar ..... 1.00

30-day futures ..... 2.70 1/2  
60-day futures ..... 2.70 1/2  
90-day futures ..... 2.70 1/2

Australia ..... 2.70  
New Zealand ..... 2.70  
South Africa ..... 2.70  
Belgium ..... 2.70  
Denmark ..... 2.70  
Norway ..... 2.70  
Portugal ..... 2.70  
Spain ..... 2.70  
Sweden ..... 2.70  
Switzerland ..... 2.70  
Middle East ..... 2.70  
Egypt ..... 2.70  
Iraq ..... 2.70  
Turkey ..... 2.70  
Latin America ..... 2.70  
Brazil ..... 2.70  
Bolivia ..... 2.70  
Colombia ..... 2.70  
Cuba ..... 2.70  
Mexico ..... 2.70  
Peru ..... 2.70  
Uruguay ..... 2.70  
Venezuela ..... 2.70  
East Asia ..... 2.70  
India ..... 2.70  
Siam ..... 2.70  
Hongkong ..... 2.70  
Indonesia ..... 2.70  
Singapore ..... 2.70  
Japan ..... 2.70  
United Press.

## UN Report On Latin America

Rio de Janeiro, June 16.

A United Nations Economic Commission will make a series of agricultural development reports on Latin American countries during the next three or four years.

In its Fourth Annual Report, the U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America said the reports will be done on an individual country basis and will analyze the broad economic aspects of farm development in the different countries.

Reports are expected to provide basic background material for study of specific problems.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, June 16.

The tin market was quiet this morning. Turnover was 10 tons all for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot tin, buyers ..... 97 1/2  
Spot tin, sellers ..... 97 1/2  
Business done at ..... 97 1/2  
Three-month tin, buyers ..... 97 1/2  
Three-month tin, sellers ..... 97 1/2  
Settlement ..... 97 1/2  
United Press.

## ROYAL INTEROCEAN LINES

**SAILINGS TO**

"JULIUSWAL" June 18 Singapore, Diakata, Semarang, Surabaya & Macassar, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"EASTWAY" June 20 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" June 23 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" July 1 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" July 8 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" July 15 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" July 22 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" July 29 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Aug. 5 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Aug. 12 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Aug. 19 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Aug. 26 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Sept. 2 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Sept. 9 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Sept. 16 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

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"TIPANAS" Dec. 10 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Dec. 17 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Dec. 24 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Dec. 31 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Jan. 7 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Jan. 14 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Jan. 21 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Jan. 28 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Feb. 4 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Feb. 11 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

"TIPANAS" Feb. 18 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham

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"TIPANAS" Apr. 8 Japan, Singapore, Penang, Port Swettenham



